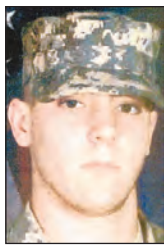




Accident cuts short soldier's life

Logan Harbison was a Citrus High graduate

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer



Logan Harbison died in gun accident.

Army Sgt. Logan Harbison served two tours in Iraq and was planning a life back home in Inverness after his military service.

Instead, tragedy intervened.

Sgt. Harbison, 25, died Saturday, Nov. 17, in Lakewood, Wash., where he was stationed, from what police believe was an accidental shooting.

His stepfather, Shannon Heathcock, said Logan was a Citrus High School graduate who looked forward

to a career possibly with the sheriff's office or as a preacher.

"Either way, he was going to come back to Citrus County and be a part of the community," Heathcock, owner of DASH Transport, said.

Sgt. Harbison spent five years in the Army and was an

infantryman. "He kicked in doors and chased

down bad guys," Heathcock said. "His unit was the last unit to leave Iraq."

Heathcock said the Army extended his enlistment six months while doctors continued to treat him for a back injury sustained overseas.

Shannon and Danita Heathcock, Logan's mother, were planning a visit to Washington for Thanksgiving.

"We had the tickets, he bought all the food," Heathcock said. "The Sunday before, we get a visit from the chaplain."

Sgt. Harbison was stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Heathcock said infantry friends were visiting

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■ Sgt. Logan Harbison's body will arrive at about 11 a.m. today at Tampa International Airport and then be escorted to Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home through downtown Inverness. The procession is expected to arrive at the Inverness funeral home at about 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to show its respect along the roadway as the procession passes.

■ Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Inverness. Burial with full military honors will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

■ In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Logan's memory to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS, 66685 or woundedwarriorproject.org.

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In the market?



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Henry Roy and Roland Forte have several booths at the Inverness Flea Market with luxury items including cashmere and other fabrics, along with a large selection of merchandise imported from South America.

Local flea markets offer something for everyone

ERYN WORTHINGTON
Staff Writer

Hustling around and trying to partake in "Small Business Saturday," Amy Nelson was eager to complete her Christmas shopping over the weekend. On her list for Saturday was an Xbox 360 for her son, a tablet for her daughter and a necklace for her mother.

Items one and two were checked off; however, she was still searching for the perfect necklace. She had combed much of the county when she decided to pull into the Inverness Flea Market.

"I couldn't believe that the perfect necklace was here at the flea market," Nelson said. "Wow, and the price is incredible."

Her handmade red and silver necklace draped down her hand as she looked at it with a sense of happiness.

With all of the holiday hustle and bustle, shoppers were quick to respond to door-buster deals in retail stores. However, many consumers had happier wallets when they shopped at local retailers — like flea markets.

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Sandee Fritzen selects a bird feeder to buy from Gina Caudill at the Inverness Flea Market on Saturday. Caudill's husband builds the houses and she does the decorating.

Nuclear cost recovery OK'd

Progress to charge \$143M in 2013

PAT FAHERTY
Staff Writer

Progress Energy Florida will be able to charge customers approximately \$143 million in 2013 to cover costs associated with the Crystal River nuclear plant and the proposed plant in Levy County.

But residential customers can still expect lower electricity bills.

Monday, the Florida Public Service Commission accepted its staff recommendations for the 2013 nuclear cost recovery amounts, capping a process that started in March and April when Progress Energy filed petitions seeking approval to recover estimated 2012 costs and projected 2013 costs.

The Progress Energy petitions raised about a dozen issues surrounding cost recovery for both sites, which were discussed and approved.

Under Florida statute, utilities may recover certain construction costs associated with the development and maintenance of nuclear power plants. The PSC evaluates these costs annually and approves amounts recovered through the fuel and capacity cost recovery charge on customers' bills.

According to the staff report, if the power plant project is terminated, rather than being placed in commercial service, the utility may petition for the funds to become a regulatory asset that is amortized

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Mike Fitzpatrick hanging up his phone career

After 44 years with local provider, he wants more family time

PAT FAHERTY
Staff Writer



Mike Fitzpatrick

The phone company was Mike Fitzpatrick's second family, a relationship he valued for 44 years as he moves into retirement.

Back when home telephone service meant a shared party line, phones were rotary dial and the poles were strung with steel-coated copper wire through glass insulators, Fitzpatrick was a lineman.

Citrus County had about 5,500 phone lines, one line truck and one phone company with no competition.

"When I started in 1969, the company was called Florida Telephone," he said. "Over the years the name changed seven times through buyouts and mergers and today our company is called CenturyLink."

"Up until about 10 years ago, most lines were provided by us," he said. "If there was a phone, we provided it."

He said the biggest change in Citrus County was the growth — about 20,000 residents when he started — to an estimated 141,000 today. And the biggest changes in his industry have been through technology.

"I started as a lineman in 1969 and held several positions over the years: installer repairman, line crew foreman, inspector, construction supervisor, supervising engineer, support manager for the Ocala district and area plant supervisor for all of Citrus County," he recalled. He was in management for 30 of those 44 years.

His territory went from Starke to Floral City. He kept service going during hurricanes by bringing in generators "from all over to keep the substations working." And he recalled running "submarine cable" to people out on the river at Hell's Gate and Tiger Tale, because tall-mast sailboats used to rip down the wires.

During those years, as his wife Brenda will attest, Fitzpatrick spent more time on the job than at home. Yet he still managed to devote a lot of time to community service.

He has been active in Kiwanis for 25 years. He is a past president,

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"We are here every weekend to shop," said Howard's Flea Market customer Nancy Palm. "I do a lot of my fresh produce shopping here for the weekend. And then when I need a birthday or Christmas present I come here, too."

When checking items off the Christmas list, consumers may be surprised at what some flea markets carry.

"We have a variety of stuff," said Stokes Flea Market manager Dinah Williams. "We have a good mixture of new and used. We have a high percentage of gently used items like antiques."

Flea markets are known for their new and gently used items that buyers resell, often at bargain prices.

"We have lots of quality stuff for sale," said Inverness Flea Market manager Cathy Johnson. "Everything out here is priced for a flea market. All of our stuff is used but not abused."

Local flea markets even saw the crowds during Black Friday, minus all the commotion. This year, Inverness Flea Market mer-

Vendors spend their personal days off shopping in thrift stores ... looking for new merchandise.

chants noticed customers buying a variety of products. From handmade jewelry to woodwork to personal care products, they were busy trying to keep up with the demand.

"I was looking for a train set for my son to go under our tree," Amanda Rieke said. "I didn't find it today. However, I know to check back next weekend. Just because it wasn't here today doesn't mean it won't be next weekend. Every flea market is that way. I am a dedicated flea market shopper."

Vendors spend their personal days off shopping in thrift stores and yard sales looking for new merchandise to add to their flea market booths. Varieties of merchandise for sale change as new items enter the booths daily. Antiques, collectibles and new merchandise can be found at flea markets.

"It's not just about the old and



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Aaron and Sylvia Price teamed up to make Totee Totes. While the plastic containers with decorated wood tops were intended for children, they've found a market with adults as well.

used stuff that flea markets are known for," said Inverness vendor Maurice "Moe" Fortier. "We have a lot of new stuff, too. I have sterling silver and real gold rings. We have brand-new toys for the kids. We have something for everybody."

Some families may find themselves unable to provide a gift for their loved ones. Flea markets might be the solution to the problem.

"My family is so large that we say, OK we can only give each other presents that are flea market or yard sale bought," said Inverness vendor Rose Carmichael. "One year they gave me a bunch of Elvis stuff. They went around to all of the flea markets and bought a collection of Elvis. It was great."

Contact Chronicle reporter Eryn Worthington at 352-563-5660, ext. 1334, or eworthington@chronicleonline.com.

Inverness Flea Market, 3600 S. Florida Ave., Inverness.

- Has 80 vendors inside and out.
- Open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
- For last-minute shoppers, it is open until 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.
- Opened in 1969.

Stokes Flea Market, 5220 W. Gulf To Lake Highway, Lecanto

- Has 450 vendors
- Open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Family owned.
- Opened in 1989.

Howard's Flea Market, 6373 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa

- Has 800 booths for vendors.
- Open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
- Covers more than 55 acres.
- Opened in 1972.

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over a period of years.

The Crystal River nuclear plant, known as CR3, "uprate" project will get about \$40 million and the proposed Levy County nuclear plant will get approximately \$103 million.

Costs associated with CR3 are not connected with the plant's repairs; instead they relate to costs incurred planning for increased capacity through major plant modifications. The PSC supported the staff position that the CR3 uprate project decisions in 2011 have been made and the 2011 costs incurred, and nothing that occurs after 2011 changes those decisions.

For the Levy project, staff believes Progress Energy's actions since 2011 support the requirement of demonstrating its intent to build. Commissioner Eduardo E. Balbis said the company

must demonstrate action moving the project forward and they are continuing on that.

Staff analysis showed the Levy project continues to be cost effective and economically feasible.

While Monday's action means the monthly nuclear cost recovery for a 1,000 kilowatt hour customer will climb from \$2.86 to \$4.73 a month, they will still come out ahead in 2013. That is largely due to \$129 million refund to Progress Energy customers in 2013 as part of a comprehensive rate settlement. The second half of the refund is expected to hit in 2014.

When all elements of the bill — base rates, fuel, capacity, environmental, efficiency and nuclear — are considered, the total 2013 bill is approximately \$116 per 1000 kWh — down about 6 percent.

"I have long opposed the collection of any fees for advance nuclear cost recovery," State Rep. Mike

Fasano, R-New Port Richey, said in response to Monday's action.

"From the botched repairs in Crystal River to the long-term problems associated with siting Levy County's reactor, the customers may ultimately be paying for something that will never materialize," said Fasano, who represents the western portion of Citrus County.

"Even if years pass and one or both of these plants ever come online, the amount invested will take decades to be recouped. I fear that few who are paying the advance nuclear cost recovery fee today will ever benefit from their forced contribution toward these projects."

He said the PSC has deferred any consideration of 2012 rate increases until next year. Today's action pertains only to 2011 rate increase requests.

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For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

DUI arrests

Raymond Jackson, 59, of East Quincy Street, Inverness, at 5:02 p.m. Friday on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence...

Dennis Jackson, 58, of East Lake Park Drive, Hernando, at 9:50 p.m. Friday on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence...

Kristen Hilton, 28, of South Candlenut Avenue, Homosassa, at 2:24 a.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence...

Other arrests

Katie Waters, 23, of West Solar Place, Homosassa, at 7:34 p.m. Friday on Citrus County warrants for failure to appear in court for original felony charges...

Wilson Nevels, 61, of South Trellis Drive, Homosassa, at 4:38 p.m. Saturday on two felony charges of possession of a controlled substance...

misdeemeanor charge of possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. Bond \$4,500.

Burglaries

A residential burglary was reported at 1:49 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the 7100 block of W. Sasser St., Homosassa.

A residential burglary was reported at 6:39 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, in the 1300 block of W. Brandywine St., Lecanto.

A commercial burglary was reported at 9:45 a.m. Nov. 22 in the 2900 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

A residential burglary was reported at 2:09 p.m. Nov. 22 in the 7100 block of N. Nature Trail, Hernando.

A residential burglary was reported at 10:48 p.m. Nov. 22 at S. Jackson St., Beverly Hills.

A residential burglary was reported at 12:17 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, in the 5000 block of S. Bluebird Terrace, Lecanto.

A residential burglary was reported at 10:04 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in the 14900 block of W. Rooster Crows Road, Inglis.

A residential burglary was reported at noon Nov. 24 in the 4700 block of W. Pine Ridge Blvd., Beverly Hills.

A residential burglary was

reported at 3:19 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 300 block of W. Keller St., Hernando.

A residential burglary was reported at 4:26 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 8700 block of W. Dunnellon Road, Crystal River.

A residential burglary was reported at 6:16 p.m. Nov. 24 in the 11600 block of N. Duran Terrace, Dunnellon.

A residential burglary was reported at 6:42 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the 5300 block of W. Riverbend Road, Dunnellon.

Thefts

A petit theft was reported at 8:36 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the 2700 block of State Road 44 West, Inverness.

A larceny petit theft was reported at 8:40 a.m. Nov. 21 in the 7700 block of E. Breckenridge Loop, Inverness.

A petit theft was reported at 1:35 p.m. Nov. 21 in the 3600 block of E. Orange Drive, Hernando.

A grand theft was reported at 6:53 p.m. Nov. 21 in the 7700 block of W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Crystal River.

A grand theft was reported at 7:02 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, in the 9200 block of N. Alpina Drive, Dunnellon.

A petit theft was reported at

10:12 a.m. Nov. 22 in the 100 block of N. Rooks Ave., Inverness.

A petit theft was reported at 11:08 a.m. Nov. 22 in the 2700 block of W. Elgin Place, Dunnellon.

A larceny petit theft was reported at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, in the 4700 block of S. Legend Drive, Homosassa.

A petit theft was reported at 12:54 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in the 700 block of N.E. Fifth Ave., Crystal River.

A petit theft was reported at 11:44 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the 7500 block of W. Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa.

A petit theft was reported at 5:28 p.m. Nov. 25 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

A grand theft was reported at 7:35 p.m. Nov. 25 in the 2300 block of E. Herculana Lane, Hernando.

Vandalisms

A vandalism was reported at 8:46 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the 4200 block of S. Grand-march Ave., Homosassa.

A vandalism was reported at 10:13 p.m. Nov. 21 in the 900 block of E. Crown of Roses Loop, Inverness.

A vandalism was reported at 6:38 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in the 4200 block of S. Winding

ON THE NET

For more information about arrests made by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, go www.sheriffcitrus.org and click on the Public Information link, then on Arrest Reports.

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. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

For the Record reports are also archived online at www.chronicleonline.com.

Oaks Drive, Homosassa.

A vandalism was reported at 5:13 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, in the 2600 block of W. Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto.

A vandalism was reported at 9:22 a.m. Nov. 25 in the 5400 block of W. Oaklawn St., Homosassa.

A vandalism was reported at 12:19 p.m. Nov. 25 in the 1500 block of Tuttle St. Inverness.

State BRIEFS

Walmart shooting suspects face attempted murder charge

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee police plan to charge two suspects with attempted murder after a shooting over a Walmart parking space.

An arrest affidavit shows Earl White III and Tiffany Yancey were captured Saturday in Grady County, Ga. They face charges of attempted robbery with a firearm, attempted murder and possession of firearm by convicted felon in connection to the store shooting.

Police said a disagreement over a parking space led to the shooting outside the store on Black Friday. The affidavit said Yancey pointed a gun at a female, demanding "everything in your

purse." Police said White then shot the woman and a male passenger outside the store.

Man choked to death in roach-eating contest

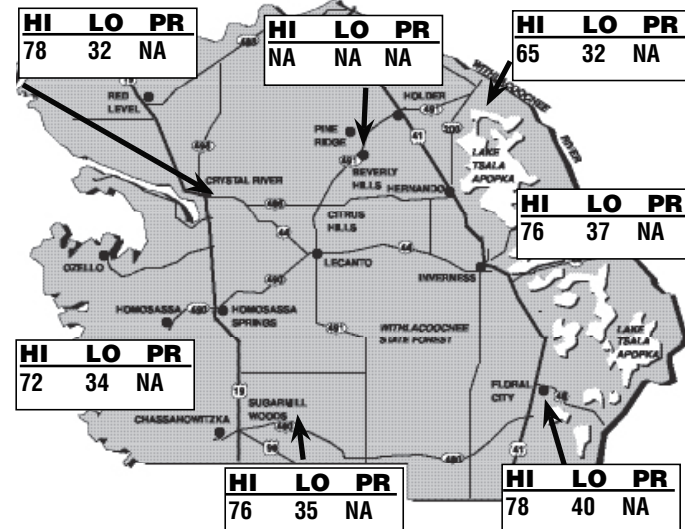
MIAMI — A Florida man choked to death after downing dozens of live roaches during a contest earlier this year in which the grand prize was a python, an autopsy released Monday concluded.

Edward Archbold, 32, of West Palm Beach died as a result of "asphyxia due to choking and aspiration of gastric contents," according to the report released by the Broward County medical examiner's office.

—From wire reports

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

Table with columns: City, H, L, F'cast. Lists temperatures for various Florida cities.

MARINE OUTLOOK

Southeast winds around 10 knots. Seas 1 foot or less. Bay and inland waters will have a light chop. Partly to mostly cloudy today.

Gulf water temperature

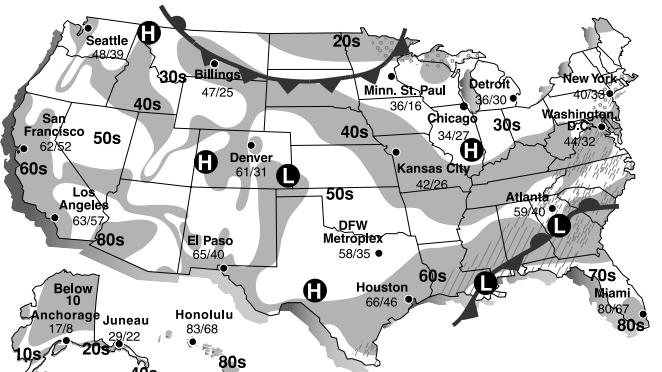
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LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Location, Sun., Mon., Full. Lists lake levels for various locations.

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. TUESDAY

Table with columns: City, Monday, Tuesday. Lists weather forecasts for various cities.

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 87 Killeen, Texas. LOW -11 Fosston, Minn.

WORLD CITIES

Table with columns: City, H/L/SKY. Lists weather for various world cities.

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SOLUNAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (AFTERNOON). Lists sunrise and sunset times.

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

Table with columns: SUNSET TONIGHT, SUNRISE TOMORROW, MOONRISE TODAY, MOONSET TODAY. Lists celestial event times.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: HIGH. There is no burn ban. For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777.

WATERING RULES

Lawn watering limited to two days per week, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m., as follows: EVEN addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday. ODD addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

TIDES

Table with columns: City, High/Low, Tuesday, Wednesday. Lists tide times for various cities.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual funds with columns for Name, NAV, and Chg. Includes various fund categories like Equity, Bond, and Money Market.

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.

Main table of mutual funds with columns for Name, NAV, and Chg. Lists numerous funds and their performance metrics.

Stocks lower Monday after strong week

NEW YORK — Wall Street came back to work after the Thanksgiving weekend and faced leftover worries about the "fiscal cliff" and the European debt crisis.

Market watch table showing Dow Jones, Nasdaq composite, Standard & Poor's 500, and Russell 2000 indices.

sumer confidence on Tuesday and unemployment claims and third-quarter economic growth on Thursday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 42.31 points to 12,967.37. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 2.86 to 1,406.29.

NYSE diary table showing advanced, declined, and unchanged stock counts.

That made Monday a good day to cash out on last week's gains, Carmack said, especially because traders aren't sure how the fiscal cliff will affect the market for the rest of the year.

Utility stocks rose the most, while telecommunications companies fell the most.

Nasdaq diary table showing advanced, declined, and unchanged stock counts.

"Monday is a good day to take profits," Carmack said. "No one was in on Friday, so they're doing it Monday."

The major U.S. economic reports were not due until later in the week, leaving investors to rehash the European debt crisis and talks in Washington over the "cliff" of tax increases and government spending cuts set to take effect Jan. 1.

Volume table showing advanced, declined, and unchanged stock volumes.

The National Retail Federation reported that 247 million shoppers visited stores and shopping websites during the long Thanksgiving weekend, up 9 percent from a year ago. They spent an average of \$423, up 6 percent.

Rates edge up at weekly auction

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills rose in Monday's auction with rates on six-month bills climbing to the highest level in three weeks.

Advertisement for Inverness Hearing Centers, featuring a photo of Denny Dingler and contact information.

The Treasury Department auctioned \$32 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 0.100 percent, up from 0.09 percent last week.

Advertisement for Ledger Dentistry, featuring a photo of Jeremy A. Ledger and contact information.

Another \$28 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 0.145 percent, up from 0.135 percent last week.

Advertisement for 72 Hour Blinds Factory, featuring a photo of a man and contact information.

The three-month rate was the highest in two weeks since three-month bills averaged 0.105 percent on Nov. 13.

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The six-month rate was the highest since those bills averaged 0.150 percent on Nov. 5.

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The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value. For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,997.47 while a six-month bill sold for \$9,992.67.

Advertisement for 72 Hour Blinds Factory, featuring a photo of a man and contact information.

That would equal an annualized rate of 0.101 percent for the three-month bills and 0.147 percent for the six-month bills.

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Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable rate mortgages, was unchanged at 0.17 percent.

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Large advertisement for 72 Hour Blinds Factory with a QR code and contact information.

New York Stock Exchange table listing various stocks, their last prices, and changes.

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IMPRACTICAL PROPOSALS

Schools need input, ability to meet demand

The notion that the school board would give away its right to sign off on large developments and separately endorse a moratorium on school impact fees is mildly humorous.

While most everyone is seeking avenues to improve the business climate in a slogging economy, the initiatives — pushed by builders with county commissioner intervention — aren't necessary or even prudent.

With the responsibility to educate any and all children in the community, the school district has an obligation to see that personnel, facilities and materials necessitated by local demand and state mandates are met. In an era where large subdivisions can spring up quickly, school officials need a voice to ensure concurrency — aka, the ability to meet demand.

There's little likelihood of the school board ever standing in the way of development. Given the state of the economy, this seems a non-issue at this time.

As for impact fees — fees required of builders to support the roads, schools and other infrastructure necessitated by

growth — it's an effective mechanism with a direct correlation to its purpose.

While there's no imminent need for a new school, the revenues realized from impact fees help to ensure the district will be able to fulfill its obligations. Eliminating the impact fees would, simply, require tax increases for all when the need for new schools arises.

Furthermore, it was only a few years ago when county commissioners took action to tame overly-burdensome impact fees. The commission was sensitive to the hardships faced by builders and made a good-faith effort to help the construction industry at a time when the nation's economy was deteriorating. While the revamping of impact fees at that time did little to aid the industry, few knew the full scope of the then-impending recession.

While a healthy economy is the goal, and it's understandable that area builders would seek any edge they can get in a competitive market, there are practicalities at play. Eliminating input from, and funding for, the school district would not benefit Citrus County's future.

THE ISSUE:

School impact fees and concurrency.

OUR OPINION:

School board on solid ground.

Rabbit fertilizer needed

I am looking for fresh rabbit fertilizer. I was wondering if anybody had any rabbits that they had fresh fertilizer from the rabbits that they wanted to have hauled away free or sell cheap.

Disturbed by litter

I totally agree with the person who called in regarding the litter in Homosassa at the time of the Seafood Festival. Better yet, just drive along (U.S.) 41 from Dunnelon to Inverness and you'll see all the litter that you care to see. It's kind of reminiscent of Staten Island after the recent storm. I don't know how people can feel so little pride in their surroundings. Maybe an all-out campaign against litter by the Florida Gators would hit home with some of these slobes. Nothing else seems to.

No dogs allowed

I'd like to say that my husband and I were in (a fast-food restaurant) on Saturday, Nov. 17. A woman came in with a little dog, went right over, got a seat, sat down. Nobody said anything to this woman. As far as I know, you're not allowed to have pets in restaurants, are you? ... I'd really like to know the answer to this.

Trusties can clean bay

Art Jones is doing a wonderful job cleaning up Kings Bay. I still wonder why instead of just picking up cigarette butts and wasting gas in a truck all day, they couldn't use the trustees from the jail to do it. They're not going to go anywhere and maybe they could earn extra time off of their

sentence for participating. It's a win-win situation.

Good Samaritan helps

My car wouldn't start on Wednesday morning (Nov. 21). I was on the corner of Hampshire Boulevard and Lecanto Highway and had my hood up and a young man with a pickup truck just dropped by and said, "Need some help?" I said, "I need a boost and I have no cables." He said, "No problem." He hooked me up, helped me with a boost. I said, "I don't want to stop you from what you're doing." He said, "I just got to go to work, but I just called my boss and told him I'm delayed." And the young man helped me jump my starter, and I think it's wonderful that there are people like this, especially for this young man to take time out from going

to work, to call his boss and advise him that he's helping someone, a stranded motorist. I take my hat off to that man and I thank him immensely from the bottom of my heart for helping me jumpstart my car and (be) able to get it to the auto shop to get a new battery. Again, to the young man in the pickup truck: Thank you so much and have a happy, happy Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday and God bless you.

Think of the children

The school board tax cut voted down, it wasn't because of the salaries for the people that work on the school board. Actually, \$25 for each house, each family, wouldn't hurt anybody. After all, we should be thinking of the children.

Jeb GOP's top choice in 2016

The dust hasn't settled yet from the presidential election, and the 2016 race for the White House has commenced.

The early Republican Party favorites include Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Romney's vice presidential candidate Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

But the most formidable — and electable — candidate for the Republican Party right now is former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Jeb, with his successful record as governor and his recent realistic stances in addressing major inadequacies in the GOP's positions on immigration and social issues, is the only national figure in the Republican stable who can both turn around the GOP and run nationwide and, possibly, win in 2016.

And winning the next presidential election is a life and death issue for Republicans not only in terms of returning its party's power to the White House but also in rebuilding its relevance in American politics and refurbishing its deteriorated brand on a national level.

Right now, so early in the new cycle, it is imperative that a new, strong leader in the GOP seize the moment to present a new, refined conservative philosophy that is more empathetic to the needs of the American electorate. To date, only Jeb Bush has demonstrated he can fill that void.

Coming on the heels of the Romney loss, the GOP now has the almost impossible task of bringing to the forefront a populist candidate who can play to the hearts and minds of both extremist social-conservative and

tea-party primary voters in early, small primary states like Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina. The candidate also must gain support of key voting blocs like Hispanics, single women and young voters, to say nothing of union voters and Reagan Democrats in the general election.

Again, only Jeb Bush has demonstrated that he can fill that need.

Bush's protégé Rubio was quick out of the gate. He recently made a visit to early primary state Iowa, a visit labeled as the beginning of his campaign for the presidency.

All of a sudden, you also saw a lot of former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman on the news talk shows as well as a news item about how the Obama campaign most feared Huntsman as the most formidable general election opponent, even though he got knocked out early in the 2012 primary season.

In terms of 2016, Chris Christie is lying low in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, which greatly impacted his state. Christie is also in the GOP political doghouse for embracing President Obama and his help during the storm. At least he did not hug him as Charlie Crist did, ruining his chances altogether.

Most of the field faces serious political challenges. Both Rubio and Christie have to get re-elected to second terms, and Ryan's brand can take a serious hit if the U.S. fails to avert the upcoming fiscal cliff.

Only Jeb Bush has four full years without distractions to build the organization, lay the philosophical framework and most importantly raise the cash necessary to make a successful run for the White House.

Bush's biggest problem right

now is his name. Exit polls the night of the election found that more than half the voters asked still blamed his brother, former President George W. Bush, not Obama, for the country's economic problems. But Jeb has four years to change that perception (maybe by using the phrase "I'm not George, only his brother:"); particularly if the economy stays in a moribund state.

And Jeb has a lot of positives right now too, especially his political vision. First, he warned (earlier than most) that the GOP's far-rightward swing was detrimental to the party's prospects of winning elections and argued for inclusiveness, particularly in terms of immigration reform. Testifying before Congress in June, Bush advocated government spending on infrastructure and scientific research and openly broke with Americans for Tax Reform founder and president Grover Norquist's unrealistic "no tax increase" pledge, which is now gaining momentum within party ranks.

The movement to get Jeb Bush out of Miami is already ongoing, but the *New York Times* recently reported he is taking a "wait and see" attitude about entering the race early.

Coming off Romney's defeat, momentum is now building to form the GOP. And Jeb is the right candidate at the right time to lead a conservative reformation. But he can't afford to wait. He has to make a decision quickly and decisively, for the 2016 race for the White House is well under way.

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LETTER to the Editor

Support middle class

As you are aware, the majority of U.S. citizens agree with President Obama's method of refusing to accept any approach to fixing the "fiscal cliff" issue if it is not a balanced one. Middle-class families, seniors and students cannot bear the brunt of paying a deficit principally created by the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, especially if allowed to continue in 2013. While we understand differences exist, we also very clearly understand it is necessary for both sides to compromise and negotiate.

During the weeks ahead, President Obama will be meeting with the Republican and Democratic leaders in an attempt to effect a viable agreement that resolves America's fiscal crisis, using a series of spending cuts and tax hikes if (and when) Congress fails to reduce our deficit-troubled budget. My purpose in writing is to ask for your support for President Obama while he asks the wealthy to pay a bit more in taxes, sharing in their responsibility to balance the deficit.

While Majority Leader John Boehner continues with the Tea Party caucus opinion, the likes of Marco Rubio, JP Morgan, United Air and others cite the disastrous results of failing to negoti-

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ate a resolution. Historically, our "do-nothing" Congress and Senate have failed U.S. citizens miserably. They repeatedly blocked jobs bills, the Dream Act, benefits for homeless veterans, Wall Street reform, affordable health care initiatives and acts affecting women's rights to name a few! More important, they continue to defend tax cuts afforded the wealthy during the George W. Bush administration, asking to continue those protections beyond 2013.

It is significant to note the middle takes issue with the continuation of tax cuts; the fact they pay the wages of congressional and Senate leaders, and shoulder the financial burdens of filibuster tactics.

The mathematical perspective? Senate leaders in 2011 earned on average, \$193,400; House leaders approximately the same with the Speaker of the House earning \$223,500. Each

leader also receives an annual cost of living increase (COLA) and low-cost benefits unless Congress vetoes to not accept it. Taxes are minimal, contrasted with the average working U.S. citizen.

Dissimilarly, the average U.S. wage earner in 2011 earned \$42,979.61, including no cost of living increases, and limited or higher benefit costs. Most workers pay approximately 28 percent taxes on their income. Typically, the wealthiest Americans pay 9 percent to 14 percent, or their financial data is conveniently unavailable.

The middle class has more than contributed their fair portion. I strongly encourage you to support the president's initiative from a constituent perspective and require the wealthy contribute their fair share in an expeditious manner. Time is running out!

We need to do what is honorable and decent for our country and the working families who continue to build and defend our great nation. Bitterness and political hatred will surely destroy us. Support our president and the majority of Americans who will move our economy forward.

Sharon E. Rapp
Homosassa

Fiscal deal elusive despite talk of compromise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Talk of compromise on a broad budget deal greeted returning lawmakers Monday, but agreement still seemed distant as the White House and congressional Republicans ceded little ground on a key sticking point: whether to raise revenue through higher tax rates or by limiting tax breaks and deductions.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, pressed his

case for revenue derived by reducing tax loopholes rather than raising tax rates on wealthy taxpayers, as President Barack Obama insists.

Boehner, voicing the Republican stance, said: "The American people support an approach that involves both major spending cuts and additional revenue via tax reform with lower tax rates."

At the White House, Obama spokesman Jay Carney reiterated the president's pledge not to sign

legislation that extends current tax rates to the top 2 percent of income earners — households with incomes over \$250,000. "That is a firm position," Carney said.

Congress and Obama have until the end of the year to avoid across-the-board tax increases that would do away with rates set during the administration of President George W. Bush and restore higher tax rates in place during President Bill Clinton's administration.

RETIRE

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served on the board of directors and was the Kiwanian of the Year in 2012. "The Kiwanis does a lot for the kids and that's rewarding," he said.

Fitzpatrick served 24 years on the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He has also been a board member for the American Cancer Society and served on Citrus County Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Fitzpatrick may be best known for his cooking, which he really enjoys. He has cooked all the barbe-

cues for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day since it began in Citrus County.

"I did a lot of cooking, lots of barbecues," he said. "I love living in a small town."

He has been involved in the Shop with a Cop program to benefit needy kids at Christmastime and coached Little League for 15 years in the 1980s and '90s.

"Working with the phone company has been a real pleasure," he said. "It's a community company." CenturyLink, along with Fitzpatrick, was awarded the 2010 "Above and Beyond" business award from the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce.

As for why he retired, Fitzpatrick said he watched

his brother, Richard "Spike" Fitzpatrick, work his tail off every night down in his office and then develop cancer, dying at age 57 in 2006 and never getting to fully enjoy the results of his hard work.

"I decided while I'm good and healthy, I'm going to retire," he said. "I am going to play golf, fish, hunt, do some community work and take some family trips."

In addition to being an active granddad, Fitzpatrick said he plans to do a lot with the Kiwanis, and there is always Florida State football to follow.

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SOLDIER

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Sgt. Harbison at his apartment when the incident occurred.

Lakewood Police Lt. Chris Lawler said investigators believe Sgt. Harbison accidentally shot himself. Lawler said the investigation is still open, pending the medical examiner's report.

Heathcock said the death is stunning, considering what his stepson had experienced in Iraq and his

future plans.

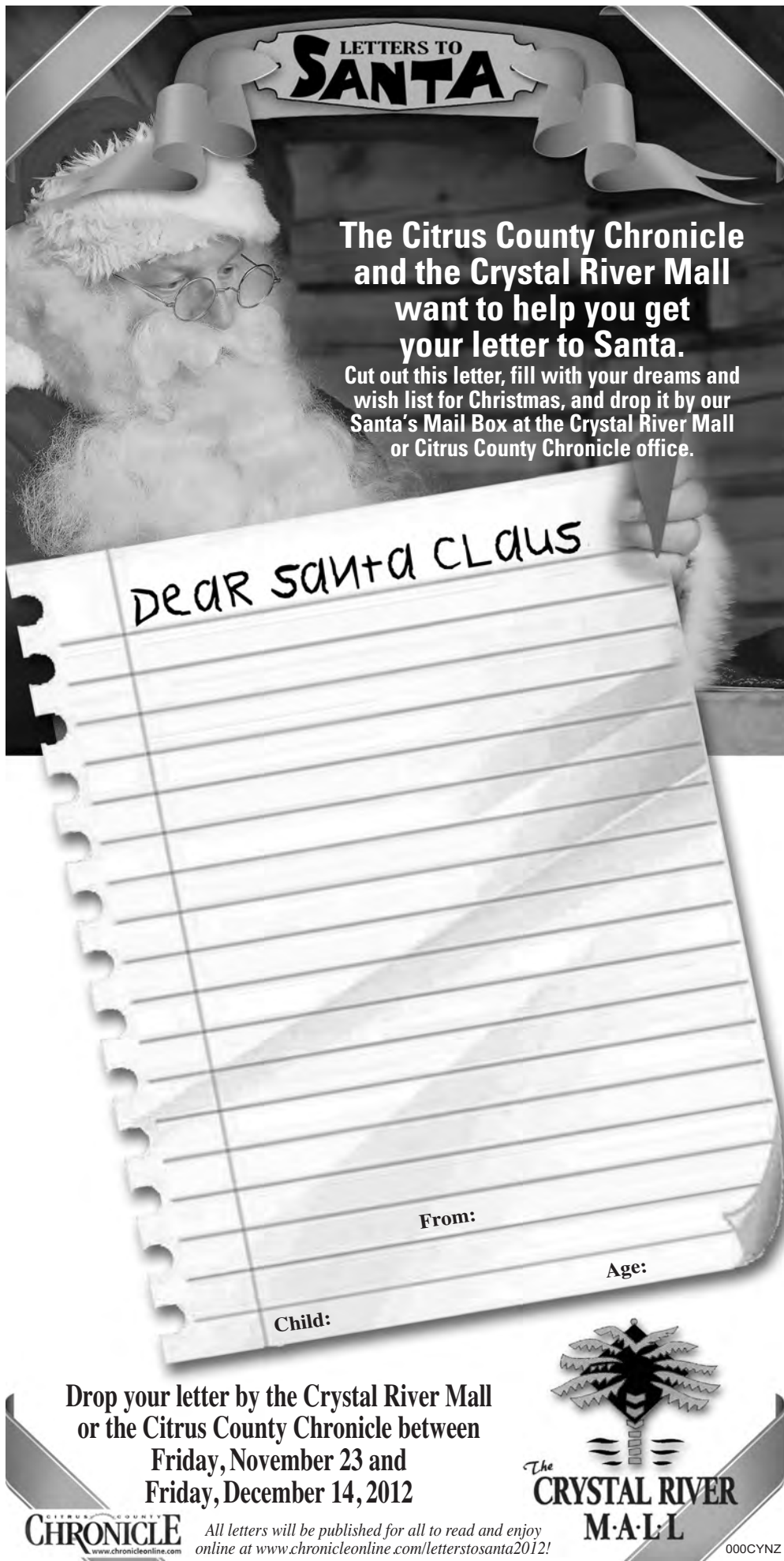
"He was making plans to come home for Christmas," Heathcock said. "He purchased a ring for his girlfriend. He had a lot going on. This brought it all to a screech."

Sgt. Harbison's body is expected to arrive at about 11 a.m. today at Tampa International Airport. Heathcock said a military ceremony will take place before the body is taken to Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home in Inverness. Members of the Patriot Guard and Citrus County Sheriff's Office are expected to accompany the procession.

The procession will head north on the Suncoast Parkway and arrive in Citrus County on County Road 491, then travel east on State Road 44 through Inverness to the Davis Funeral Home on U.S. 41.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Cornerstone Baptist Church, with burial to follow at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

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Nation BRIEFS

Hunting



Associated Press
Dray Wieller, left, and Jason McBride, right, of Bethlehem, Pa., walk down a road Monday during the first day of firearm deer hunting season at Jacobsburg State Park in Pennsylvania.

Family swept out to sea

SAN FRANCISCO — Howard Kuljian and his family were out for a walk on a damp, overcast morning at Big Lagoon beach, playing fetch with their dog as 10-foot surf churned the water just feet away like a washing machine.

Signs near the beach warned of "sneaker waves," the kind that suddenly roar ashore. Kuljian tossed a stick that took their dog down to the water's edge and in an instant, authorities said, a wave swallowed it, setting off a nightmarish scramble early Saturday in Arcata.

"Everything kind of snowballed from there," Coast Guard Lt. Bernie Garrigan said.

Kuljian's son ran to save the dog, and struggled as he was captured by the surging surf. Kuljian followed, and later his wife. On shore, his 18-year-old daughter and his son's girlfriend could only watch.

Both parents' bodies were later recovered, but the boy — presumed dead — is still missing.

The dog, identified by the boy's friend as "Fran," eventually made it back to shore.

The news of the tragedy — coming during the long holiday weekend — shocked many in their small college town on the rough Northern California coastline.

Monday likely to be online record

NEW YORK — Americans clicked away on their computers and smartphones for deals on Cyber Monday, which is expected to be the biggest online shopping day in history.

Shoppers are expected to spend \$1.5 billion on Cyber Monday, up 20 percent from last year, according to research firm comScore. That would not only make it the biggest online shopping day of the year, but the biggest since comScore started tracking shoppers' online buying habits in 2001.

Online shopping was up 26.6 percent on Cyber Monday compared with the same time period a year ago, according to figures released Monday evening by IBM Benchmark, which tracks online sales. Sales from mobile devices, which include tablets, rose 10.2 percent. The group does not track dollar amount sales.

— From wire reports

GOP anti-tax stance softens
Reality of nation's fiscal situation forces lawmakers to back off

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For decades, conservative lobbyist Grover Norquist vowed to drive Republicans out of office if they didn't pledge to oppose tax increases. Many lawmakers signed on.

But now, several senior Republicans are breaking ranks, willing to consider raising more money through taxes as part of a deal with Democrats to avoid a catastrophic budget meltdown.

Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker says the only pledge he will keep is his oath of office. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor says no one in his home state of Virginia is talking about what leaders in Washington refer to simply as "The Pledge," a Norquist invention that

dates to 1986. Georgia Sen. Saxby Chambliss says he cares more about his country than sticking to Norquist's pledge.

It's quite an about-face for senior members of a party that long has stood firmly against almost any notion of tax increases. And while GOP leaders insist they still don't want to see taxes go up, the reality of a nation in a debt crisis is forcing some to moderate their opposition to any movement on how much Americans pay to fund their government.

Republican legislators and Democratic President Barack Obama's White House are haggling vigorously as they look for ways to reach agreement on detailed tax adjustments and spending cuts before automatic, blunt-force changes

occur at the new year.

"Oh, I signed it," Sen. Jeff Sessions said on Fox News about Norquist's pledge. "But we've got to deal with the crisis we face. We've got to deal with the political reality of the president's victory."

The naysaying about the pledge is raising the question of whether Norquist — a little-known Republican outside of Washington — is losing his position of power within the GOP. It's a notion that he calls ridiculous.

"The fantasy is that the Republicans would cave on marginal tax rates," Norquist said recently. "They're nonnegotiable."

At the White House, spokesman Jay Carney said Monday that the shifting away from Norquist signaled an opportunity for Republicans to work with

President Obama.

"They represent what we hope is a difference in tone and approach to these problems and a recognition that a balanced approach to deficit reduction is the right approach," Carney said.

Norquist, the head of the conservative Americans for Tax Reform, opposes tax increases of any kind, whether eliminating deductions or raising rates. He has insisted on hardline positions from lawmakers and, for years, has held outsized sway in the party for someone who does not hold public office. His pledge doesn't allow any change to the tax code that adds a dollar to revenues.

House Speaker John Boehner has called that notion unrealistic and has dismissed Norquist as "some random person."

World BRIEFS

Congo



Associated Press

A child carries a water bucket Monday at the Mungua 3 camp west of Goma, eastern Congo. Regional leaders meeting in Uganda called for an end to the advance by M23 rebels toward Congo's capital, and also urged the Congolese government to sit down with rebel leaders as residents fled some towns for fear of more fighting between the rebels and army.

Rebels patrol in Congolese city

GOMA, Congo — Rebels widely believed to be backed by Rwanda and Uganda held their positions in this key eastern Congolese city that they seized last week, letting a midnight deadline for their withdrawal expire in the early hours of Tuesday.

Trucks loaded with fighters belonging to the eight-month-old M23 rebel group patrolled the empty streets of this regional capital, as the ultimatum issued by the regional bloc representing nations in the Great Lakes region of Central Africa came to an end. Earlier in the day, the rebels announced that they plan to move their headquarters to this city of 1 million later this week.

Walmart: Plant produced clothes

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Walmart said a Bangladesh garment factory that caught fire Saturday had previously produced merchandise for the retailer without its permission.

Walmart said in a statement that one of the company's suppliers had contracted work out to the factory without authorization and in violation of Walmart policies. The company said it terminated its relationship with the supplier Monday.

The blaze broke out late Saturday at a factory operated just outside Bangladesh's capital of Dhaka, killing 112 people.

Ehud Barak quits Israeli politics

JERUSALEM — Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak abruptly quit politics Monday, potentially robbing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of a key ally who enabled his hard-line government to present a moderate face to the world.

Netanyahu's party picked a young, more hawkish list of candidates in its primary election on Monday.

Despite polls showing his small centrist Independence Party gaining momentum following the eight-day Israeli offensive in Gaza that he steered, Barak said he would not run again for office in the Jan. 22 elections.

Beauty queen killed in shootout

CULIACAN, Mexico — A 20-year-old state beauty queen was killed during a running gun battle between soldiers and the gang of drug traffickers she was traveling with in northern Mexico, the chief prosecutor of the state of Sinaloa said Monday.

In a scene reminiscent of the 2011 movie "Miss Bala" — or "Miss Bullet" — the body of Maria Susana Flores Gamez was found lying near an assault rifle on a rural road in a mountainous area of the drug-plagued state.

"She was with the gang of criminals, but we cannot say whether she participated in the shootout," state prosecutor Marco Antonio Higuera said.

— From wire reports

Lines drawn in Egypt



Associated Press

Egyptians attend the Monday funeral of Gaber Salah, also known as "Jika," who was who was killed in clashes with security forces. Thousands of Egyptians gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square to attend the funeral of Salah, who died Sunday night.

President Morsi rejects claims he has overstepped authority

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's president told the country's top judges Monday that he did not infringe on their authority when he seized near absolute powers, setting up a prolonged showdown on the eve of a mass protest planned by opponents of the Islamist leader.

An aide to President Mohammed Morsi said the decree was limited to "sovereignty-related issues," but that did not satisfy his critics.

The uncompromising stance came during a meeting between Morsi and members of the Supreme Judiciary Council in a bid to resolve a four-day crisis that has plunged the country into a new round of turmoil with clashes between the two sides that have left one protester dead and hundreds wounded.

The judiciary, the main target of Morsi's edicts, also has pushed back, calling the decrees a power grab and an "assault" on the branch's independence. Judges and prosecutors stayed away from many courts in Cairo and other cities on Sunday and Monday.

A spokesman said Morsi told the judges that he acted within his right as the nation's sole source of legis-

lation when he issued decrees putting himself above judicial oversight. The president also extended the same immunity to two bodies dominated by his Islamist allies — a panel drafting a new constitution and parliament's mostly toothless upper chamber.

The spokesman, Yasser Ali, also told reporters that Morsi assured the judges that the decrees did not in any way "infringe" on the judiciary and that they were "temporary" and limited only to "sovereignty-related issues."

Two prominent rights lawyers — Gamal Eid and Ahmed Ragheb — dismissed Ali's remarks.

Eid said they were designed to keep "Morsi above the law," while Ragheb said they amounted to "playing with words."

"This is not what Egyptians are objecting to and protesting about. If the president wanted to resolve the crisis, there should be an amendment to his constitutional declaration."

Ali's comments signaled Morsi's resolve not to back down or compromise on the constitutional amendments he announced last week, raising the likelihood of more violence. Both sides had planned competing rallies in Cairo on Tues-

day, but the Brotherhood canceled its rally late Monday, saying it wanted to reduce tension and congestion in the city.

In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke Monday by telephone with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Kamel Amr to "register American concerns about Egypt's political situation," according to spokeswoman Victoria Nuland.

Clinton, she said, stressed that the U.S. wanted to "see the constitutional process move forward in a way that does not overly concentrate power in one set of hands, that ensures that rule of law, checks and balances, protection of the rights of all groups in Egypt are upheld," Nuland said.

Opposition activists have denounced Morsi's decrees as a blatant power grab, and refused to enter a dialogue with the presidency before the edicts are rescinded. The president has vigorously defended the new powers, saying they are a necessary temporary measure to implement badly needed reforms and protect Egypt's transition to democracy after last year's ouster of his predecessor Hosni Mubarak.

US defends 'enormous' progress at climate talks

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Anticipating an onslaught of criticism from poor nations, the United States claimed "enormous" strides in reducing greenhouse emissions at the opening of U.N. climate talks Monday, despite failing to join other industrialized nations in committing to binding cuts.

The pre-emptive U.S. approach underscores one of the major show-downs expected at the two-week conference as China pushes developed

countries to take an even greater role in tackling global warming.

Speaking for a coalition of developed nations known as the G77, China's delegate, Su Wei, said rich nations should become party to an extended Kyoto Protocol — an emissions deal for some industrialized countries that the Americans long ago rejected — or at least make "comparable mitigation commitments."

The United States rejected Kyoto because it didn't impose any binding commitments on major developing countries such as India and

China, which is now the world's No. 1 carbon emitter.

American delegate Jonathan Pershing offered no new sweeteners to the poor countries, only reiterating what the United States has done to tackle global warming: investing heavily in clean energy, doubling fuel efficiency standards and reducing emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pershing also said the United States would not increase its earlier commitment of cutting emissions by 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. It is half way to that target.

"I would suggest those who don't follow what the U.S. is doing may not be informed of the scale and extent of the effort, but it's enormous," Pershing said.

"It doesn't mean enough is being done. It's clear the global community, and that includes us, has to do more if we are going to succeed at avoiding the damages projected in a warming world," Pershing added. "It is not to say we haven't acted. We have and we have acted with enormous urgency and singular purpose."

— From wire reports



SPORTS BRIEFS

Bucs' Wright gets four-game time-out

TAMPA — Tampa Bay cornerback Eric Wright has been suspended by the NFL for four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

Wright is the second Tampa Bay starter disciplined for using Adderall. Cornerback Aqib Talib was suspended Oct. 13 for four games and subsequently traded to the New England Patriots.

Wright signed a five-year, \$37.5 million contract with the Bucs as a free agent in March. He issued a statement through his agent saying he took Adderall "at the end of July for health issues I was experiencing."

Wright appealed the discipline, which was upheld by the NFL.

Gators' Jenkins may miss bowl game

GAINESVILLE — No. 5 Florida probably will be without linebacker Jelani Jenkins for the team's bowl game.

Jenkins broke a bone in his right foot during Saturday's 37-26 win at Florida State and had surgery Monday.

Coach Will Muschamp says Jenkins "probably will miss the bowl game. Not totally certain." Muschamp added that Jenkins will need four to six weeks of recovery time.

Jenkins, a fourth-year junior from Olney, Md., has 29 tackles, two sacks and an interception this season.

Freshman Antonio Morrison would start in Jenkins' place for Florida's next game, which is expected to be the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2.

Duke up to No. 2 in AP hoops poll

Indiana is still No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll. The holiday weekend tournaments caused a lot of change below.

Duke moved up to take Louisville's old spot at No. 2 after beating the Cardinals in the championship game of the Battle 4 Atlantis. Michigan moved up one place to third.

There were four newcomers to the Top 25 Monday, all ranked in the last five: Georgetown, Minnesota, Illinois and New Mexico.

Ohio State, Louisville, Syracuse, Florida, Kentucky, Arizona and Kansas round out the Top 10.

The teams that dropped out were UCLA, which was 11th, and Memphis, both of which lost two games last week. Connecticut and Baylor fell out after losing once.

For the full rankings, see Page B3.

Cardinal still No. 1 in women's hoops

Stanford remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, narrowly ahead of Connecticut.

The Cardinal took over the top spot last week for the first time in seven years. They had 21 first-place votes Monday, and UConn had 17. Baylor has the other one.

Stanford won its only game this week, beating Long Beach State on Sunday.

Duke and Notre Dame are fourth and fifth.

The Irish are followed by Penn State, Louisville, Georgia, Kentucky and California. The Golden Bears switched places with Maryland.

Iowa State entered the poll at No. 24, replacing Vanderbilt, which lost both its games last week to fall out from No. 17. West Virginia dropped 13 spots to No. 25 after losing to LSU and Iowa.

—From wire reports



Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton hurdles Philadelphia Eagles strong safety Nate Allen on Monday to score a touchdown in the second half in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Over and over

Fumbles, penalties doom Eagles, who lose their seventh straight

Associated Press

— PHILADELPHIA

Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more to lead the Carolina Panthers to a 30-22 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night in a matchup of teams with the worst records in the NFC.

Bryce Brown set a club rookie record with 178 yards rushing, including TD runs of 65 and 5 yards, but the Eagles (3-8) still lost their seventh straight game.

Brown, filling in for injured running back LeSean McCoy, surpassed Correll Buckhalter's rookie mark of 134 yards rushing in his first start since his senior year at Wichita East High School in 2008. But Brown also lost two fumbles, including one in Panthers' territory.

Carolina (3-8) went ahead 24-22 early in the fourth quarter on Graham Gano's 23-yard field goal.

The Eagles' injury woes continued, too. Philadelphia wide receiver DeSean Jackson and defensive tackle Fletcher Cox both left the Eagles' game against Carolina with injuries and did not return.

Jackson suffered a sternum injury in the first quarter Monday night. Cox suffered a lower back/tailbone injury.



A disgruntled Philadelphia Eagles fan, wearing a paper bag over his head to show his displeasure with the team and head coach Andy Reid, watches the game Monday night in Philadelphia.

Federal mediators joining stalled NHL talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal mediators are entering the stalled NHL labor talks, with the season's first 2 1/2 months already lost because of the lockout.

George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, said Monday the parties had agreed to use the agency. He assigned three mediators to assist negotiations — deputy director Scot Beckenbaugh, direc-

tor of mediation services John Sweeney and Commissioner Guy Serota.

"While we have no particular level of expectation going into this process, we welcome a new approach in trying to reach a resolution of the ongoing labor dispute at the earliest possible date," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said.

Cohen has worked with the players' associations for Major League Baseball, helping end the 1994-95 strike as an outside coun-

sel, and the NBA. He was an adviser to the NHL players' union before joining FMCS three years ago.

"We look forward to their involvement as we continue working to reach an equitable agreement for both the players and the owners," said Donald Fehr, executive director of the NHL Players' Association.

Cohen mediated during the 2010 negotiations in Major League Soccer and 2011 talks in the NFL and NBA, along with this year's

dispute between the NFL and its on-field officials.

Hockey players and management have not negotiated since last Wednesday. The NHL has canceled more than one-third of its regular season, including all games through Dec. 14, the New Year's Day outdoor Winter Classic and the All-Star weekend scheduled for Jan. 26-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

"I have had separate, informal discussions with the key representatives of the National Hockey League

and the National Hockey League Players' Association during the course of their negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement," Cohen said in a statement.

"Due to the extreme sensitivity of these negotiations and consistent with the FMCS's longstanding practice, the agency will refrain from any public comment concerning the future schedule and/or the status of the negotiations until further notice."

Longoria, Rays ink 10-year deal

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Evan Longoria wants to be with the Tampa Bay Rays for his entire big-league career.

The slugging third baseman agreed Monday to a 10-year contract that adds six guaranteed seasons and \$100 million.

"I always wanted to be kind of a benchmark player ... the guy that you could think about or associate with the organization," Longoria said. "My goal from Day One was to be the first player that played their whole career here, to be the first guy that came into the organization and went out in the organization, and played all the years in between. There's no better place for me."

The agreement with the three-time All-Star incorporates the remainder of the 27-year-old's existing contract, which called for him to earn \$36.6 million over the next four seasons. The new deal includes a team option for 2023.

"It's a very exciting day for us," Rays principal owner Stuart Sternberg said. "For Evan to have the

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Cards fly as 'Canes drop close game to Vanguard

DAVE PIEKLIK
Correspondent

INVERNESS — If you were a Citrus High School boys soccer player or a fan sitting in the stands Monday, yellow became your least favorite color, and you likely heard whistles in your sleep.

The Hurricanes faced the wrath of the referees in a tight contest they dropped 2-1 to Vanguard of Ocala. Seven yellow cards were handed out against Citrus, including a very questionable one against goalkeeper Alan Verone.

It was that call which had an exasperated public address announcer — the father of Citrus defender Sean Flaherty — remarking over the microphone that "This is the worst case of officiating I have ever seen."

Though frustrated himself, Hurricanes head coach Phillip Journey said afterward "I always tell my players to never let the referees get inside their head. They got inside their head tonight."

The Hurricanes (1-2-1 overall, 0-1-1 district) and

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SPORTS BRIEFS



Associated Press

The mascot of the 2014 World Cup tournament, "Fuleco."

Mascot for 2014 World Cup named

SAO PAULO — Brazilians selected the name "Fuleco" for the armadillo mascot for the 2014 World Cup after a three-month vote derided by fans as undemocratic.

FIFA said Sunday more than 1.7 million people in Brazil took part in the vote. The other choices were Zuzeco and Amijubi.

Polls across the country had shown the vast majority of Brazilians were not pleased with the names picked for public voting, and critics said organizers should have allowed fans to choose other names.

Fuleco comes from the Portuguese words "futebol" (football) and "ecologia" (ecology), and FIFA said it "seamlessly represents the way in which the FIFA World Cup can combine the two to encourage people to behave in an environmentally friendly way."

Source: Gomes, Sox agree to terms

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have agreed to terms with outfielder Jonny Gomes on a two-year contract that would reportedly pay him \$10 million.

The Red Sox have not announced the deal. But a baseball official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because Gomes had yet to take his physical, said on Monday that the terms were agreed to.

Gomes is a career .244 hitter who batted .262 with 18 homers and 47 RBIs for the Oakland Athletics last year.

Russian PM talks tough on hooligans

MOSCOW — Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said football hooligans should be banned for life from matches.

A Russian league game between Dynamo Moscow and Zenit St. Petersburg was called off last week after the Dynamo goalkeeper was injured after a firecracker was thrown from the Zenit stands.

In the wake of disturbances at the Dynamo-Zenit game, the Russian government has drafted a bill to introduce harsh penalties for misbehaving fans, such as temporary suspensions. But on Monday, Medvedev urged the government to go further.

Player honestly owns up to ban

HANNOVER, Germany — A German player is proving there's still fair play in soccer.

Hannover midfielder Lars Stindl has been suspended for a Bundesliga match after pointing out he should be banned for getting five yellow cards this season.

The 24-year-old Stindl, a teammate of American defender Steve Cherundolo, kept count better than German soccer authorities, who failed to register an earlier yellow.

When Stindl was cautioned Saturday in a 5-0 loss against Bayern Munich, he told his club it should trigger a one-match ban.

Stindl says he wasn't tempted to exploit the official error, asking: "Why should we hide something?"

Hannover published the story on its website with the message: "Hats off, Lars!"

Coach Mirko Slomka praised Stindl as "an extremely fair sportsman" — who will watch the home match against struggling Greuther Fuerth from the sidelines.

—From wire reports

Giants' World Series share a record \$377,003

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A full postseason share for the World Series champion San Francisco Giants was worth a record \$377,003, breaking the mark that had stood since the 2006 St. Louis Cardinals.

In the first year of the expansion of the playoffs from eight teams to 10, the players' pool was a record \$65.36 million, Major League Baseball said Monday. The previous mark of \$59.1 million came in 2009.

The Giants split \$23.5 million, voting 50 full shares, partial shares equivalent to another 11.1, and 12 cash awards. All-Star outfielder Melky Cabrera, suspended for the final 45 games of the regular season and the division series, automatically received a full share without his teammates having to make a decision.

Under baseball's joint drug agreement, he was eligible for his share because his suspension ended in time for him to be on the active

roster for a majority of the Giants' postseason games, even though San Francisco decided not to use him. Under Major League Rule 45, he gets a full share because he was with the team from June 1 on.

Cabrera, the All-Star game MVP, became a free agent last week and agreed to a \$16 million, two-year contract with Toronto.

San Francisco's full share was up from \$323,170 for the 2011 champion Cardinals and \$317,631 on the 2010 Giants.

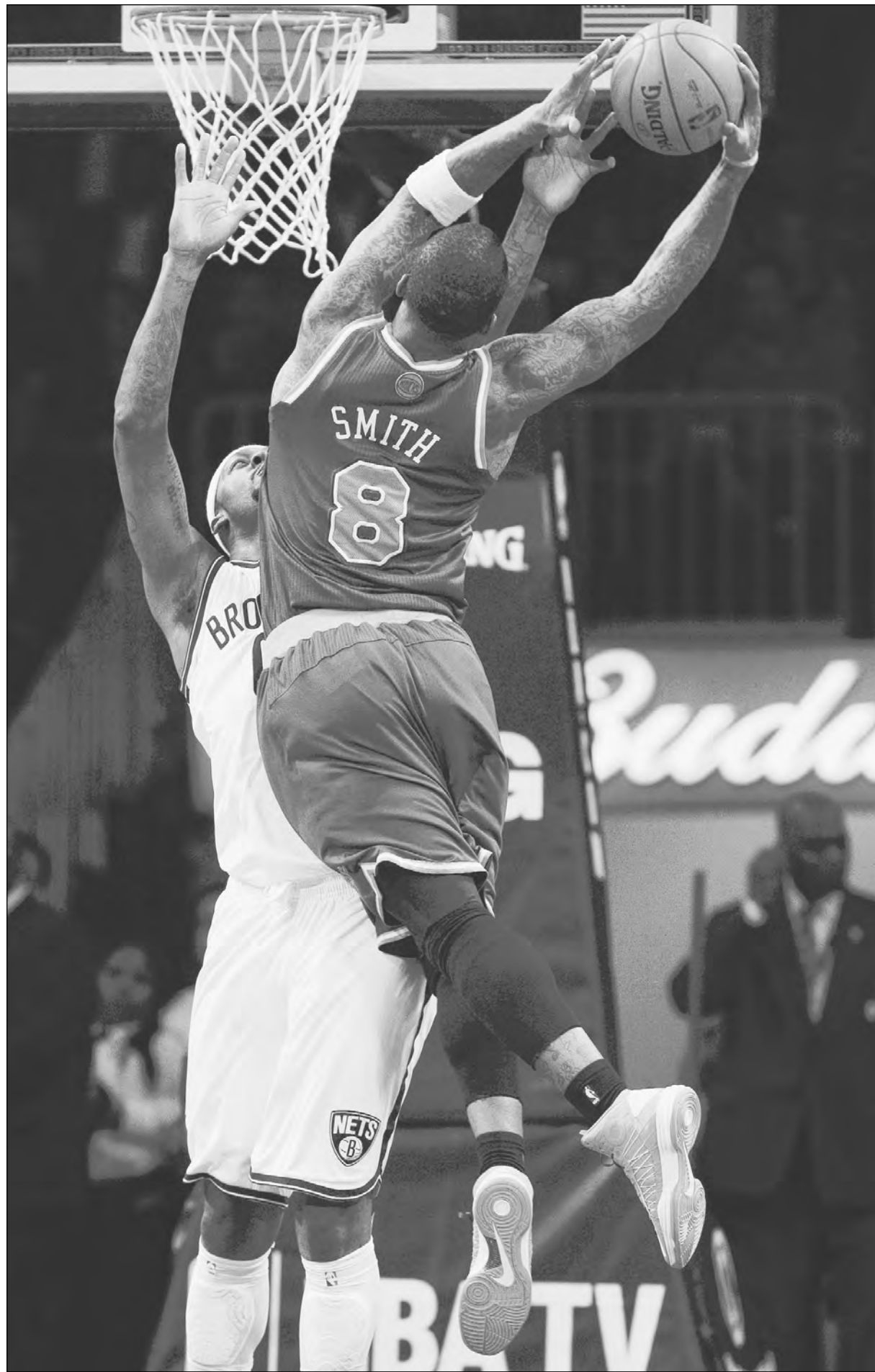
A full share on the AL champion Tigers was worth \$284,275, up from \$251,516 for last year's Texas Rangers.

The players' pool included 50 percent of the gate receipts from the two wild card games, and 60 percent from the first three games of each division series and the first four games of each league championship series and the World Series.

Full shares were worth \$122,558 for the Cardinals,

\$115,065 for the New York Yankees, \$37,865 for the Cincinnati Reds, \$37,045 for the Washington Nationals, \$34,826 for the Baltimore Orioles, \$34,325 for the Oakland Athletics, \$19,609 for the Atlanta Braves and \$16,999 for the Rangers.

Shares are split among the 10 postseason teams. In the past, they were divided among the eight playoff teams and the four second-place teams that failed to reach the postseason.



Associated Press

New York Knicks guard J.R. Smith shoots over Brooklyn Nets forward Andray Blatche on Monday during the first half at the Barclays Center in New York.

New York/New York

Nets triumph in highly anticipated, much-delayed matchup

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets worked overtime to pull out the opener of their new-look rivalry with the New York Knicks, winning 96-89 on Monday night to tie their city rivals for first place.

Jerry Stackhouse, wearing the No. 42 Jackie Robinson made famous in Brooklyn, made the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 3:31 left in overtime as the Nets controlled the extra period of a playoff-like game that neither team led by more than seven.

Brook Lopez had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Deron Williams added 16 points and 14 assists as the Nets improved to 7-1 in their new home and tied the Knicks atop the Atlantic Division at 9-4.

Carmelo Anthony had 35 points and 13 rebounds, but was only 10 of 16 at the free throw line. Tyson Chandler finished with 28 points and 10 boards, but no other Knicks player was in double figures.

The game had been scheduled for Nov. 1, but had to be pushed back because of Hurricane Sandy.

Spurs 118, Wizards 92

WASHINGTON — Boris Diaw scored 16 points, Tiago Splitter had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Tony Parker added 15 to help the San Antonio Spurs win their fourth straight over the still-winless Washington Wizards 118-92 on Monday night.

The Wizards are the 12th team in NBA history to start the season 0-12 according to STATS and are six away from equalling the New Jersey Nets' record 0-18 start in 2009-10.

Pistons 108, Trail Blazers 101

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Brandon Knight scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half, outplaying Damian Lillard in a matchup of young guards and leading the Detroit Pistons to a 108-101 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Lillard entered the day as the NBA's top rookie scorer, averaging 19.6 points per game. He missed his first 12 shots from the field against the Pistons.

Thunder 114, Bobcats 69

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 18 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder opened a 40-point halftime lead in one of the most lopsided first halves in NBA history on their way to a 114-69 blowout of the Charlotte Bobcats.

Russell Westbrook had 12 points and 11 assists before he and the rest of Oklahoma City's starters were pulled less than 5 minutes into the second half with the Thunder leading 79-25.

Westbrook powered home a right-handed slam to put an exclamation point on the first half and put Oklahoma City up 64-24. It was the fifth-biggest halftime lead in NBA's shot clock era and the largest since Golden State set the record with an 88-41 edge on Sacramento on Nov. 2, 1991, according to STATS.

It was the largest blowout ever for Charlotte, which had shown promise with seven early wins — the same number it had last season while setting an NBA record for futility.

Grizzlies 84, Cavaliers 78

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol scored 19 points each and the Memphis Grizzlies overcame a lethargic performance to escape with an 84-78 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night.

Rudy Gay scored 15 points, and Quincy Pondexter had 10 points, including 2 of 3 from outside the arc as Memphis won its second straight and maintained its position with the best record in the NBA.

The Cavaliers still held the lead with 8:28 left, but Memphis closed the game on a 13-4 run.

Bucks 93, Bulls 92

CHICAGO — Ersan Ilyasova scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half and the Milwaukee Bucks overcame a 27-point deficit in a stunning 93-92 win over the Chicago Bulls.

Richard Hamilton scored a season-high 30 points for the Bulls but missed a shot at the buzzer that could have won it.

Ilyasova led a 31-4 second half-run as the Bucks snapped a nine-game losing streak to Chicago and prevented the Bulls from moving past Milwaukee into first place in the Central Division.

The Bucks hadn't beaten Chicago since April 6, 2010.

Lady Warriors need OT, but notch win over Tigers

Seven Rivers 47, Trenton 43

Chronicle

The Seven Rivers Lady Warriors basketball team opened its season on the right note Monday night, traveling to Trenton High School and coming home with a 47-43 overtime win over the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Warriors had three girls put on double-digit performances: Sisters Andrea and Alexis Zachar contributed 13 points and 10 points, respectively, while Alyssa Gage put up 11 of her own.

Despite some early season rust, Seven Rivers coach Gary Dreyer was pleased with the result.

"The girls have played better," Dreyer said, "and yet they're able to play through the difficult times and come out on top."

The Lady Warriors (1-0) will travel to Gainesville Tuesday and look to get their second win against St. Francis at 5:30 p.m.

Bulls rally late at Stetson

USF 63, Stetson 54

Associated Press

DELAND, Fla. — Toarlyn Fitzpatrick scored 20 points and Jawanza Poland 19 as South Florida defeated Stetson 63-54 in a non-conference game Monday night.

Kore White's tip-in of a missed 3-pointer by Poland broke a 49-49 tie with 3:17 remaining, starting an 8-0 run for the Bulls (4-2).

The Hatters (2-2) had run off seven straight points, five by Aaron Graham, to erase a 47-40 Bulls lead.

Poland grabbed 10 rebounds and Fitzpatrick nine for the Bulls, who outbounded Stetson 41-31.

Jayhawks cruise past San Jose St.

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jeff Withey had 16 points, 12 rebounds and a school-record 12 blocks for only the second official triple-double in school history, and the 10th-ranked Jayhawks held off a furious comeback by San Jose State for a 70-57 victory.

Kansas (5-1) took a 60-36 lead with just over 11 minutes remaining, but the Spartans (2-3) answered with an 18-2 run. The Jayhawks finally put it away when Elijah Johnson hit a floater with just over a minute left for a 66-57 lead.

ENTERTAINMENT

CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Spotlight on PEOPLE

Brown deletes Twitter account

R&B singer **Chris Brown** has taken down his Twitter account after a vulgar online exchange with comedian **Jenny Johnson**. Johnson said she's now receiving death threats on Twitter from Brown's supporters. The fight started when 23-year-old Brown posted a picture of himself, saying he looked old. Johnson replied: "I know! Being a worthless piece of (expletive) can really age a person."

Brown fired back a series of crude sexual jokes. Johnson posted a link to a news story about Brown's 2009 assault on singer **Rihanna**.

Ryan to serve up beef cookbook

NEW YORK — A new book by baseball Hall of Famer **Nolan Ryan** will be a bit of a sizzler.

The game's all-time strikeout king is also a longtime Texas rancher and has compiled dozens of his favorite recipes for "The Nolan Ryan Beef Cookbook." Little, Brown and Co. announced Monday that the book is scheduled for May 2014.

The 65-year-old Ryan also plans to work in a few baseball stories, from his years pitching for the New York Mets, California Angels and other teams to his current job as CEO and president of the Texas Rangers. His previous books include the memoirs "Miracle Man" and "Throwing Heat."

Beyonce doc premiering on HBO

NEW YORK — **Beyonce** is getting personal. HBO

announced Monday that a documentary about the Grammy-winning singer will debut Feb. 16, 2013. Beyonce is directing the film, which will include footage she shot herself with her laptop.

The network said the documentary will include "video that provides raw, unprecedented access to the private entertainment icon and high-voltage performances." It will also feature home videos of her family and of the singer as a new mother and owner of her company, Parkwood Entertainment.

Beyonce said in a statement the untitled project was "personal" to her. She is married to **Jay-Z**.

— From wire reports

Stones still in play



Mick Jagger, front center, Ronnie Wood, left, with Keith Richards and Charlie Watts, right, of The Rolling Stones perform Sunday at the O2 arena in east London. The band are playing five gigs to celebrate their 50th anniversary, including two shows at London's O2 and three more in New York.

Associated Press

Iconic rock band kicks off five concerts to celebrate 50 years

Associated Press

LONDON — The verdict is in: The Rolling Stones are back. They may look old, but they still sound young.

That was the consensus Monday as Britain's rock critics responded to the Stones 50th anniversary bash Sunday night, the first of five shows to commemorate their half century of rhythm and blues-tinged rock. It was the band's first London performance in five years, and their own advancing years had led some to be skeptical that they could still perform at the highest level.

They were led by the seemingly ageless Mick Jagger, whose strutting style has not been dimmed, and backed by brilliant guitarists Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood and the energetic drumming of Charlie Watts, who is now past 70 but shows no sign of slowing down. There was a stunning guest appearance by former Stone Mick Taylor, who stole the show during a searing performance of "Midnight Rambler" and a brief visit from former bassist Bill Wyman.

The *Daily Mail's* Jan Moir said the Stones had somehow beaten the aging process: "You might imagine that they had been worn down by

life, by wives, by arthritis, by scandals old and new, by drugs, but no — they seemed indestructible." She said their swampy, gritty sound remains unique after half a century.

Daily Telegraph reviewer Neil McCormick said the band exceeded all expectations. He described the weaving of the guitarists, mixed with Jagger's blues harmonica, as a wonder.

"When looking for the secret of the Stones, it is perhaps that they actually listen to each other while they play, and almost lose themselves in it, while their brilliant frontman keeps it all together," he wrote.

Ebullient fans agreed with this assessment, as did the *Guardian* newspaper, which gave the performance four out of five stars.

Jagger, in skin-tight black pants, a sparkly tie and a matching checked jacket and hat, took time out from singing to thank the crowd for its loyalty.

"It's amazing that we're still doing this, and it's amazing that you're still buying our records and coming to our shows," he said. "Thank you, thank you."

Lead guitarist Keith Richards, whose survival has surprised many who thought he would suc-

cumb to drugs and drink, was blunter: "We made it," he said. "I'm happy to see you. I'm happy to see anybody."

But the band's fiery music was no joke, fuelled by strong guest appearances by Taylor, and Mary J. Blige, who shook the house in a duet with Jagger on "Gimme Shelter," and Jeff Beck.

The 50th anniversary show, which will be followed by one more in London, then three in the greater New York area, lacked some of the band's customary bravado — the "world's greatest rock 'n' roll band" intro was shelved — and there were some rare nostalgic touches.

The concert began with some early Stones' numbers rarely heard in concert, including the band's cover of the Lennon-McCartney rocker "I Wanna Be Your Man" and a cover of "It's All Over Now," written by Bobby Womack and Shirley Womack.

They didn't shy away from their darker numbers, including "Paint It Black" and "Sympathy for the Devil" — Jagger started that one wearing a slightly silly black, purple-lined faux fur cape that conjured up his late '60s satanic image.

Food Network to open eatery

Company starts small at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood airport

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Food Network is getting into the restaurant business in a location not always associated with good food: An airport.

The channel has opened its first Food Network Kitchen at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in South Florida in the JetBlue terminal.

"The dynamic of food and travel has changed," said Sergei Kuharsky, general manager of Food Network's new business enterprises. "You used to never go in and think about eating at an airport."

Now, with passengers ar-

iving early to get through security and limited options for in-flight food, there's a market for airport dining. "We are responding to that opportunity," Kuharsky said.

The Food Network Kitchen is the only eatery serving hot food at the JetBlue concourse. But it's the brand that gets attention from travelers as much as the lack of alternatives.

Since opening Nov. 8, the Food Network Kitchen has averaged 1,500 customers a day.

"Airport locations are very busy, but this one especially," said Jean-Pierre Turgot, general manager for Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services, which partnered with the

Food Network to provide chef-inspired meals at the airport and is also a partner in Food Network-branded food sold at concession stands and stadiums. "It's the highest revenue producer at the airport."

There are no waiters, so customers sit at tables after ordering at the counter or they can get takeout food, either made to order or readymade items like sandwiches and salads.

While the recipes are developed and branded by the Food Network, the offerings are not named for Food Network personalities, shows or chefs. Instead, the menu promises organic and sustainable ingredients and of-

fers dishes with connections to local ingredients and regional culture, such as a Florida shrimp po'boy (\$13) and a salmon burger with Key lime mayo (\$14).

South Florida's Latin culture is reflected in items such as the Cuban breakfast burrito (\$8) and a black beans and rice burger with "mojo mayo" (\$12). Also on the menu: fried pickles with Key lime mayo (\$6); sweet potato fries with Key lime tartar sauce (\$5); and a Cuban sandwich (\$12) with cafe con leche mayo pressed on a ciabatta roll.

Wait times can back up when flights arrive and the airport gets busy, so it's best to arrive early.

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthdate: Your entrepreneurial inclinations could be exceptionally strong in the year ahead, with your chart even indicating great success from one of your bolder endeavors. Its possibilities for success look to be very encouraging.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Because you continue to be in a rather promising cycle in terms of personal gain and success, your probabilities for adding to your resources are exceptionally good.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're likely to do far better tweaking some of your own ideas than employing the schemes of others, which you would have to completely transform to render workable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — If you can, try to stay in control of things, but do so without calling any attention to your actions. You'll function astoundingly well being the power behind the throne.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — A few friends who haven't

been too cooperative or friendly lately could undergo a complete turnaround, unbeknownst to one another.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — This could be a day of some outstanding achievements if you would simply follow the original course you set for yourself. Unfortunately, there's a high possibility that you'll get sidetracked.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Someone in the past has given you some extremely valuable information that went right over your head. Today, for the first time, you might finally begin to appreciate its worth.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — A joint endeavor in which you're involved can be far more successful than you may realize if you're smart enough to follow it through to its conclusion. Once committed, stay with it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — If you honestly believe your work performance is superior, this is a good day to talk to the powers that be about the possibility of getting some

kind of compensation. Be assertive but truthful, and you can't fail.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're resourceful and practical, arousing much enthusiasm in your co-workers. It's a winning combination that others can't help but want to follow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Do not underestimate the many qualities that you have to offer. This is an excellent day to take a gamble on your talents and abilities, so don't hesitate to do so.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It could be more important than usual for both you and your mate to be in accord on a critical issue. When harmony is allowed to prevail, successful results become more likely.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's a good chance that circumstances could cause you to revise some of your methods and/or procedures. It might take a bit of courage on your part to do so.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B3.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Fantasy 5: 3 - 4 - 8 - 9 - 10
5-of-5 5 winners \$33,658.62
4-of-5 447 \$60.50
3-of-5 10,324 \$7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Powerball: 22 - 32 - 37 - 44 - 50
Powerball: 34

5-of-5 PB No winner
No Florida winner

5-of-5 10 winners \$1 million
1 Florida winner

Lotto: 26 - 28 - 36 - 41 - 50 - 51
6-of-6 No winner

5-of-6 18 \$8,464.50
4-of-6 1,358 \$99.50
3-of-6 28,649 \$6.50

Fantasy 5: 6 - 17 - 26 - 31 - 34
5-of-5 4 winners \$67,943.86
4-of-5 384 \$114
3-of-5 10,816 \$11

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Mega Money: 2 - 17 - 19 - 41

Mega Ball: 5
4-of-4 MB No winner
4-of-4 9 \$2,123

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 27, the 332nd day of 2012. There are 34 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Nov. 27, 1942, during World War II, the Vichy French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops.

On this date:

In 1910, New York's Pennsylvania Station officially opened.

In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant.

In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest.

In 1978, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White.

Ten years ago: U.N. specialists began a new round of weapons inspections in Iraq. President George W. Bush appointed former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to lead an investigation into why the government had failed to foil the Sept. 11 attacks. (The following month, Kissinger stepped down, citing controversy over potential conflicts of interest with his business clients.)

Five years ago: Israeli and Palestinian leaders at a Mideast conference in Annapolis, Md., agreed to formally restart peace talks.

One year ago: In an unprecedented move, the Arab League approved economic sanctions against Syria, to pressure Damascus to end its deadly suppression of an 8-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gail Sheehy is 75. Actor James Avery is 64. Academy Award-winning director Kathryn Bigelow (Film: "The Hurt Locker") is 61. TV host Bill Nye ("Bill Nye, the Science Guy") is 57. Rock musician Charlie Benante (Anthrax) is 50. Rock musician Mike Bordin (Faith No More) is 50. Actor Fisher Stevens is 49. Actress Robin Givens is 48. Actor Michael Vartan is 44. Rapper Skoob (DAS EFX) is 42. Actor Kirk Acevedo is 41.

Thought for Today: "In youth we feel richer for every new illusion; in maturer years, for every one we lose." — Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).



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Richard Hoffmann /Page C3

At your own risk



Associated Press

Children play in a bounce house in September 2005 in Vidor, Texas. A nationwide study released Monday found inflatable bounce houses can be dangerous and the number of kids injured in related accidents has soared 15-fold in recent years. The numbers suggest 30 U.S. children a day are treated in emergency rooms for broken bones, sprains, cuts and concussions from bounce house accidents.

Bounce houses are a party hit, but kids' injuries soar

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — They may be a big hit at kids' birthday parties, but inflatable bounce houses can be dangerous, with the number of injuries soaring in recent years, a nationwide study found.

Kids often crowd into bounce houses, and jumping up and down can send other children flying into the air, too.

The numbers suggest 30 U.S. children a day are treated in emergency rooms for broken bones, sprains, cuts and concussions from bounce house accidents. Most involve children falling inside or out of the inflated playthings, and many children get hurt when they collide with other bouncing kids.

The number of children aged 17 and younger who got emergency-room treatment for bounce house injuries has climbed along with the popularity of bounce houses — from fewer than 1,000 in 1995 to nearly 11,000 in 2010. That's a 15-fold increase, and a doubling just since 2008.

"I was surprised by the number, especially by the rapid increase in the number of injuries," said lead author Dr. Gary Smith,

director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Amusement parks and fairs have bounce houses, and the playthings can also be rented or purchased for home use.

Smith and colleagues analyzed national surveillance data on ER treatment for nonfatal injuries linked with bounce houses, maintained by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Their study was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Only about 3 percent of children were hospitalized, mostly for broken bones.

More than one-third of the injuries were in children aged 5 and younger. The safety commission recommends against letting children younger than 6 use full-size trampolines, and Smith said barring kids that young from even smaller, home-use bounce houses would make sense.

"There is no evidence that the size or location of an inflatable bouncer affects the injury risk," he said.

Other recommendations, often listed in manufacturers' instruction pamphlets, include not overloading bounce houses with

too many kids and not allowing young children to bounce with much older, heavier kids or adults, said Laura Woodburn, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials.

The study didn't include deaths, but some accidents are fatal. Separate data from the product safety commission show four bounce house deaths from 2003 to 2007, all involving children striking their heads on a hard surface.

Several nonfatal accidents occurred last year when bounce houses collapsed or were lifted by high winds.

A group that issues voluntary industry standards says bounce houses should be supervised by trained operators and recommends bouncers be prohibited from doing flips and purposefully colliding with others, the study authors noted.

Bounce house injuries are similar to those linked with trampolines, and the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended against using trampolines at home. Policy-makers should consider whether bounce houses warrant similar precautions, the authors said.



Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING
CANCER

Cancer in Hispanics

A new report from the American Cancer Society finds that more Hispanics in the United States die from cancer each year than from any other cause. In 2009, the latest year for which numbers are available, 29,935 Hispanic Americans died of cancer compared to 29,611 who died from heart disease.

Heart disease was previously the leading cause of death among Hispanics in the U.S., and it remains the leading cause of death among non-Hispanic whites and blacks. Hispanics are the largest and fastest-growing minority group in the U.S., accounting for 16.3 percent of the population in 2010. The report estimates that in 2012, 112,800 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed and 33,200 cancer deaths

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DISEASE

Heart drug helps cancer patients

High cholesterol is an extremely common condition. One of the common treatments for it are a class of drugs called statins, e.g. Zocor, Lipitor, etc. Statin use in cancer patients can reduce disease-related mortality by up to 15 percent, according to a large Danish population study.

This study is published in the Nov. 8 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. This is one of the most prestigious journals.

In their study, Sune F. Nielsen, Ph.D., from the Copenhagen University Hospital in Denmark, and

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Prescription medications and the older patient

With the advancement of modern science and medicine beginning in the 20th century, life expectancy, particularly in developed countries such as the United States, has jumped from, in some cases, less than 50 years of age to more than 76 years of age presently.

In this country, the baby boomers are getting older and represent a large portion of the population. From 1960 to 2000, this particular patient population group has doubled and by the year 2030 we are going to see



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patient population over 65 years of age approaching 70 million to 80 million people, which would make up 20 percent of the total population.

As we get older, not only can we expect to do more things in our lives, unfortunately we can also expect to have more medical problems. Doctors and nurses are going to see more patients with chronic illnesses and this group of people is going to turn out to be the greatest consumer of prescription medications. There-

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Robotic surgery reduces cost of kidney cancer treatment

Robotic surgery can reduce the economic burden of kidney cancer is the conclusion of a study presented at the American Urological Association annual meeting in Atlanta.

The study, done by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, reviewed partial nephrectomies (removal of a part of a kidney) and radical nephrectomies (removal of entire kidney) for cancer performed at 400 hospitals over a six-year period from 2004 to 2010.

The study found that during the six-year period, the use of partial



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nephrectomy increased from 13 percent of cases to 24 percent and the use of robotics to perform the procedure increased from 0 to 27 percent.

It is to be noted that, before the advent of organ-preserving surgery, the standard treatment for kidney cancer was the surgical removal of the entire kidney. Removal of the entire kidney (radical nephrectomy) is known to increase the risk of chronic kidney disease (which when severe may require dialysis) that, in turn, adds substantially to the long term

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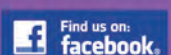


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Health NOTES

■ LECANTO — “Surviving the Holidays” workshops by the Wings Grief Support Team of Hospice of Citrus County will be presented at locations in Homosassa, Beverly Hills, Lecanto, Inverness and Inglis. Most people who are in mourning or are experiencing a tragic situation in their lives have a very hard time facing the holidays. Once pleasant expectations become overshadowed by heartbreak;

grief can make the holidays times quite painful. But there's hope. The Wings Grief Support Team offers programs at no cost that are open to the entire community. Call Lynn at 352-621-1500. Visit Hospice of Citrus County on Facebook or at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.
 ● 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, HoCC Wings Community Education Center, at 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane,

Suite A, Homosassa.
 ● 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Parish Life Center, at 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.
 ● 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, HoCC Hospice House, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto.
 ● 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, HoCC Clinical Office, at 326 S. Line Ave., Inverness.
 ● 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday,

Dec. 13, Hospice of the Nature Coast Clinical Office, at 24-B County Road 40 E., Inglis.
■ LifeSouth Community Blood Centers: To say “thank you” to blood donors, all donors in November will receive a coupon for a free pulled-pork sandwich compliments of Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q. To find a donor center or a blood drive near you, call 352-527-3061. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with parental

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weekdays, (6:30 p.m. Wednesdays), 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays. Visit www.lifesouth.org.
 ● 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Eagle Buick GMC, South Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River.
 ● 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, Citrus County Chronicle, Meadowcrest

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GRILLO

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fore, the elderly are going to be at a higher risk than the general population for adverse drug events. Reviewing past data and current studies are focusing on this problem and should help a great deal with avoiding problems in the future.

One such study/survey that was done in the late '90s showed that almost a quarter percent of patients age 65 and older took five or more medications, which is significantly different from

even 10 or 20 years. Some people would look at this as a bad thing, but I think the advent of medications allows us to live happy and healthier lives. It is certainly the health giver's task to dispense medications properly and optimize medications.

Adverse drug reactions are due to two main problems: The first is an interaction between two or more medications. Second is an interaction between drugs and dietary supplements or foods. Lastly, the body changes with age including metabolic and physiologic changes that are associated with age that can

affect how medicine works.

A drugs efficiency and ability to work safely can vary greatly from an individual who is 40 years of age as opposed to one who is 65. As a result, in many cases, lower doses of medications may be required for the older patient. Although tests and studies suggest absorption of food and drugs remains virtually unchanged from the middle-aged adult to the older adult, we do know there is some reduced activity in the stomach and intestines and decreased blood flow that may influence how drugs and medications are absorbed.

Other important changes that occur with age are body makeup. When we are young, we tend to be a little bit leaner and have less body fat. Also, there may be a decrease in our total body water due to aging as well as the effects of medications. This all influences how medications are absorbed, metabolized, and excreted from the body.

Once we intake medications, it goes to all parts of our body and accumulation of medications and metabolism primarily occurs in the kidneys and the liver. With aging, the kidney gets smaller in size, the blood

flow diminishes, and as a result its ability to filter goes down as well.

So once again, it suggests that, as we get older, we may need less medications and doctors have to be a little bit more careful on prescribing them.

This physiologic change also occurs in the liver. It is estimated that blood flow can diminish in the liver up to 40 percent as we age. So a normal dose for a 40-year-old may have a prolonged effect in a 65-year-old patient and needs to be monitored closely.

Medications are a wonderful thing and have advanced health care

greatly. I would not want to practice medicine without them. We just may need to monitor dosing a little bit more closely and with the help of the patient, it should be fairly easy and safe to do.

I would like to thank the National Institute on Aging and the American Medical Association for providing some information for this article.

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KUMAR

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economic burden of treating kidney cancer.

Performing organ-preserving surgery or partial nephrectomy is a technically demanding procedure that has been made less formidable by the use of robotic surgery using the da Vinci robot.

The researchers, Drs. Chang and Chung, used historical data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to predict the number of patients who would have suffered the effects of chronic kidney disease had they undergone removal of the entire kidney.

They also calculated the costs associated with radical and partial nephrectomies and the additional costs associated with the adoption of robotic technology.

Researchers concluded that the introduction of robotic surgery has encouraged the use of partial nephrectomy, which

has reduced the incidence of chronic kidney disease resulting from surgery. The analysis showed while the cost of partial nephrectomy using the robotic technology was higher by \$3,400 per case, removal of the entire kidney would have resulted in an additional \$54,000 cost for the long-term care of chronic kidney disease. The conclusion from the study was that, by adopting robotic technology, there was net savings for performing partial nephrectomies.

There are additional benefits of the introduction of da Vinci robotic technology. Standard laparoscopic surgery can be physically stressful for the surgeon. Surgeons often have to adopt ergonomically stressful postures, often for prolonged periods during standard laparoscopy.

Robotic surgery can allow the surgeon to assume a neutral position that is less

physically and mentally less stressful. This fact was borne out in a recent study by researchers from Brazil and France.

A study by Drs. Chammas and Hubert analyzed the muscle activity, heart rate and the perception of effort by 11 surgeons who were trained in both laparoscopic and da Vinci robotic surgery. The surgeons, who were studied while performing both types of surgery, suffered more muscular stress and mental strain performing standard laparoscopic surgery compared to robotic procedures.

As a surgeon performing both laparoscopic and da Vinci robotic procedures, I still recall the lengthy prostate and kidney surgeries using standard laparoscopy following which I often required a couple of days to recover from the body ache!

It seems that the da Vinci robot not only saves long term costs but the surgeons a lot of stress, too!

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Ink under the skin carries share of risks

Q: Can tattoos be risky to get?
A: Many people young and old get tattoos these days, but they are not without risk. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently (2012) provided a consumer update about them.



**Richard Hoffmann
ASK THE
PHARMACIST**

The FDA is particularly concerned about a family of bacteria called nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) that has been found in a recent outbreak of illnesses linked to contaminated tattoo inks.

M. chelonae, one of several disease-causing NTM species, can cause lung disease, joint infection, eye problems and other organ infections. These infections can be difficult to diagnose and can require treatment lasting six months or more.

Some of these contaminated inks have caused serious infections in at least four states in late 2011 and early 2012. The FDA is reaching out to tattoo artists, ink and pigment manufacturers, public health officials, health care professionals and consumers to warn them of the potential for infection. The FDA also warns that tattoo inks, and the pigments used to color them, can become contaminated by other bacteria, mold and fungi.

Tattoo artists can minimize the risk of infection by using inks that have been formulated or processed to ensure

they are free from disease-causing bacteria, and avoid using non-sterile water to dilute the inks or wash the skin. Non-sterile water includes tap, bottled, filtered or distilled water.

Consumers should also know that the ointments often provided by tattoo parlors are not effective against these infections. NTM infections may look similar to allergic reactions, which means they might be easily misdiagnosed and treated ineffectively.

Once an infection is diagnosed, health care providers will prescribe appropriate antibiotic treatment. Such treatment might have uncomfortable side effects, such as nausea or gastrointestinal problems. However, without prompt and proper treatment an infection could spread beyond the tattoo or become complicated by a secondary infection.

If you suspect you may have a tattoo-related infection, the FDA recommends the following:

- Contact your health care professional if you see a red rash with swelling, possibly accompanied by itching or pain in the tattooed area, usually appearing two to three weeks after tattooing.

- Report the problem to the tattoo artist.

- Report the problem to MedWatch by calling 800-332-1088 or by going to their Internet site

(www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch).

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colleagues evaluated the entire Danish population for mortality in patients diagnosed with cancer between 1995 and 2007. They followed up until the end of 2009. Among patients 40 years and older, 18,721 had used statins regularly prior to their diagnosis and 277,204 had never used statins.

More than 16,000 patients died of cancer. The study authors accounted for factors such as sex, age and stage of cancer, previous cancer therapy and the presence of diabetes or cardiovascular disease.

Statin use is associated with a lower risk of dying from cancer for people who used the cholesterol-lowering drugs before their cancer diagnosis, researchers reported.

Previous statin studies have shown only weak evidence of any decrease in the rate of certain cancers, or no evidence at all, as per Neil E. Caporaso, M.D., from the National Cancer Institute.

"In conclusion, among patients with cancer, we observed an association

between statin use at the time of diagnosis and a reduced risk of cancer-related mortality, with a reduction of up to 15 percent," the authors write. "Prospective evaluation of the hypothesis that statin use prolongs the survival of patients with cancer is needed."

The exact reason why statins help is uncertain. There is evidence that the biochemical pathways involved in cancer growth and spread can be affected by statins.

There were certain limitations on study:

- Details about chemotherapy or radiation therapy are missing for 72 percent of statin users and 29 percent of nonusers.

- Important information about smoking was lacking.

- This is a population based retrospective study and so all information is not available and there is no proper stratification.

Ideally, a prospective randomized study should be done. This kind of large study can be very costly and can take many years. Statins do have some side effects and not all patients can tolerate it. Still, if you have high cholesterol, and your doctor is recommending medicine to lower it, this is one added

reason to take a statin over other drugs.

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Information about dental caps and crowns

Q: Could you tell us more about the use of dental caps? When are they recommended? How long are they good for?

Are there any problems or side effects from them — short term or long term?

Do they need to

be replaced? Why? How often? I would appreciate knowing more about the use of dental caps?

A: This is a great question. I bet you are not the only person who has ever had a question such as this. To follow is the definition of a crown according to the Academy of General Dentistry's website. Right after this answer, I will make some comments that may be pertinent to you.

A crown is a restoration that covers, or "caps," a tooth to restore it to its normal shape and size, strengthening and improv-



Dr. Frank Vascimini
SOUND BITES

ing the appearance of a tooth. Crowns are necessary when a tooth is generally broken down and fillings won't solve the problem.

If a tooth is cracked, a crown holds the tooth together to seal the cracks so the damage doesn't

get worse.

Crowns are also used to restore a tooth when there isn't enough of the tooth remaining to provide support for a large filling, attach a bridge, protect weak teeth from fracturing, restore fractured teeth or cover badly shaped or discolored teeth.

■ How is a crown placed?

To prepare the tooth for a crown, it is reduced so the crown can fit over it. An impression of the teeth and gums is made and sent to the lab for the crown fabrication. A temporary crown is fitted over the tooth until the permanent crown is

made. On the next visit, the dentist removes the temporary crown and cements the permanent crown onto the tooth.

■ Will it look natural?

Yes. The dentist's main goal is to create a crown that looks like a natural tooth. That is why your dentist takes an impression. To achieve a certain look, a number of factors are considered, such as the color, bite, shape and length of your natural teeth. Any one of these factors alone can affect your appearance.

If you have a certain cosmetic look in mind for your crown, discuss it with your dentist at your initial visit. When the procedure is complete, your teeth will not only be stronger, but they may be more attractive.

■ Why crowns and not veneers?

Crowns require more tooth structure removal, hence they cover more of the tooth than veneers. Crowns are customarily indicated for teeth that have sustained significant loss of structure or to replace

missing teeth. Crowns may be placed on natural teeth or dental implants.

■ What is the difference between a cap and a crown?

There is no difference between a cap and a crown.

■ How long do crowns last?

Crowns should last approximately five to eight years. However, with good oral hygiene and supervision, most crowns will last for a much longer period of time. Some damaging habits like grinding your teeth, chewing ice or fingernail biting may cause this period of time to decrease significantly.

■ How should I take care of my crown?

To prevent damaging or fracturing the crown, avoid chewing hard foods, ice or other hard objects. You also want to avoid teeth grinding. Besides visiting your dentist and brushing twice a day, cleaning between your teeth is vital with crowns. Floss or inter-dental cleaners (specially shaped brushes and sticks) are important tools to remove plaque from the

crown area where the gum meets the tooth. Plaque in that area can cause dental decay and gum disease.

I hope the above explanation cleared some things up for you. One other common instance where a crown is recommended is following a root canal. After a root canal a tooth becomes brittle over time. In order to avoid a crack or fracture of the tooth, a crown is usually recommended. This is especially true when the tooth had a prior large filling in place.

If the filling was small or the root canal was done in a tooth that never had a filling, your dentist may recommend a bonded filling instead. This decision is based on the particular circumstances of the tooth and should always include the patient's preference.

There are very few problems or side effect related to a crown when done properly. As with anything in life, if it is not done to a recommended standard,

problems can always follow.

There are many steps in the making of a crown, and if any or all of them are not done with details in mind, problems can occur. If by some chance a patient is allergic to one of the components of the crown or materials used in the process of making the crown, an allergic reaction could be a problem.

With the current state of the economy, many dentists are trying to lower the cost of care for their patients. One of the ways a dentist

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has to lower costs is to use a lesser-quality material, specifically, the type of metal used in the making of the crown. Many of the cheaper metals use what we call base metals. These are the types of metals that more of the population has an allergy to. This might be a good question to ask the dentist making

your crown — “Can you tell me the specific metal that the crown is being made of?” You should see a high percentage of silver, palladium and gold in the higher-quality metals. You can expect to see other components in a lower percentage. Those items are there for specific reasons. If you have a suspicion you may be allergic to one of the components, discuss this with your dentist. There are many high-quality metals to

choose from. If it becomes even more difficult than that, you can always consult an allergist. Also know that many dentists are using all porcelain crowns. These are far more technique-sensitive and require an even more enhanced attention to the details. It has been my experience that when not done to the standard of care, they are far more prone to fracture than a crown that has a metal base and porcelain fused to

it. Please know that this is only my opinion, as each dentist has his or her own opinion. The most common reason to replace a crown is when a patient gets decay at the interface of the crown and the natural tooth. There are many situations where the decay can be removed and a patch filling be placed. However, there are also times the best thing to do is remove the crown, clean out

the decay and place a new crown. The best way to avoid this is to brush and floss regularly and visit your hygienist at least two times a year. When the circumstances warrant it, more frequent visits the hygienist will be recommended. I hope I have addressed your concerns adequately. If there is a more specific question please feel free to send it to me. There are so many circumstances that are specific to a particular patient

that it is impossible to discuss all of them in a column such as this. I hope you and all of my readers enjoy this holiday season!

Dr. Frank Vascimini is a dentist practicing in Homosassa. Send your questions to 4805 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa, FL 34446 or email them to him at info@MasterpieceDentalStudio.com.

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business, ALF or other group would like to schedule a flu clinic at your location, call Jane Bedford at 352-249-4751 or email JaneB@naturecoastems.org. Upcoming seminars at the SHARE Club at CMHS in the Citrus Memorial Auditorium. Call 352-560-6266 to register or visit www.citrusmh.com/events. “Holiday Recipes: Lighten Up” — free holiday nutrition seminar at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Registered dietitian

and diabetes educator Amy Freeman will present a diabetic-friendly cooking demonstration and lecture where participants will learn how to make healthier versions of their favorite holiday recipes. Refreshments and educational materials will be available during the seminar. Seating is limited; RSVP online at www.citrusmh.com/events or call 352-560-6266. SPRING HILL — Healthy Hearts Education Series for anyone interested in a healthy heart and living well, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at Oak Hill Hospital’s Cafeteria Conference Room, Entrance A, 11375

Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill. This month, Mowaffak Atef, M.D., board-certified cardiologist, interventional cardiologist and internal medical physician on staff at Oak Hill Hospital, will present “Women’s Heart Health.” Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are required; go to OakHillHospital.com and register online or call 352-628-6060 in Citrus. Partners for a Substance-Free Citrus Inc. will meet the second Thursday monthly in the basement of the Citrus County School Board of

help is needed to protect our vulnerable against abuse, neglect and exploitation. Monthly diabetes self-management education classes by Citrus Memorial Diabetes Center at Citrus Memorial Healthcare Center, Sugarmill Woods. These classes, taught by a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator, offer an opportunity for those living with diabetes to learn about the importance of physical activity, meal planning and medication. Topics include blood glucose monitoring, problem solving, coping and reducing the risk for diabetes-related complications. To register for a class or to schedule a one-on-one appointment, call 352-341-6110. A physician referral is required. Hospice of Citrus County Inc. offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals of all ages who are committed to the hospice philosophy and wish to make a positive impact on the lives of people. The Homosassa Too Thrift & Gift Shoppe is currently seeking those who have an interest in sorting, distributing or operating a cash register. Volunteers are also needed at Herry’s Café.

8 to 9 a.m. board meeting. 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. coffee, doughnuts, networking. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. membership meeting. For information, call the office at 352-389-0472 or email sub stancefree.citrus@yahoo.com. The Citrus Alliance Against Adult Abuse (C4A) monthly meeting is at 9:30 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly at HPH Hospice, 3545 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills. For information, call Judy Stauffer at 352-303-2620. Your

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Saturday, Dec. 1
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Registration opens at 9:30am
Liberty Park, Inverness

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Saturday, December 1, 2012

Christmas Parade
10:00am - 11:00am
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Outdoor Holiday Arts & Crafts
11:00am - 3:00pm

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9:00am - 3:00pm
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SAT., DEC. 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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News NOTES

Sugarmill Chorale to offer concert

The Sugarmill Chorale will have its Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

The chorale, under the direction of Terri Harrison and accompanied by Sharon Draheim, will perform Christmas favorites with a novelty piece or two thrown in just for fun. Guest pianist Martin Bachthaler will add his own special touch to the concert.

Tickets, \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door, may be purchased at the Crystal River Chamber of Commerce, 28 N.W. U.S. 19, or by calling Rose at 352-634-2688.

TOO FAR plans pig roast

The annual TOO FAR Pig Roast will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in conjunction with the Floral City Heritage Days.

The Pig Roast will be at the Floral City Church Pavilion. All are welcome.

Call TOO FAR at 352-419-8030 for more information.

Wood Carvers slate annual show

More than 60 artists will display their wares at the annual Wood Carvers Show on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the auditorium at Citrus County Fairgrounds.

Artwork will include wooden carvings and turnings. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and door prizes and raffles will be available. Hot dogs, chili, snacks and drinks will be available.

Many artists are known across Florida and the United States. All are welcome.

For more information, call Don Short at 352-637-0095, or email Shortyshop@tampabay.rr.com.

Big Bird Fly-in at Brooksville field

Hernando Aero Modelers will present a Big Bird Fly-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2, at the HAM Flying Field, 16301 Ponce DeLeon Blvd., Brooksville.

The exhibition of remote control aircraft and is open to the public.

For more information, call Ed Carpenter at 352-344-1688.

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Family Connection

Key Center's community forum to focus on services for disabled

Special to the Chronicle

Families of developmentally disabled children and adults want to know if Florida can adequately serve their loved ones.

With annual and increasing government budget cuts, service providers are concerned about their ability to continue operating successful programs.

These issues and more will be addressed at an upcoming forum where Citrus County's state and local government officials and families of individuals with developmental disabilities will gather to share concerns. The panel discussion format will allow an exchange of ideas with

the hopes of stimulating solutions and proactive strategies.

The public is invited to the forum Monday, Dec. 3, at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Lecanto campus of the Key Training Center, 5521 West Buster Whitton Way. The morning session is from 10 a.m. to noon and will be formatted around questions to a panel of elected officials and representatives from state agencies with a direct role in the operational strategies and budgeting processes that impact the well-being of the developmentally disabled.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

The afternoon session, from 1 to 3 p.m., will highlight a panel of local ex-

perts and officials discussing and fielding questions concerning how this community is facing the continued threat of diminishing funding and resources which play a direct role in determining how the lives of those with developmental disabilities may be at risk in the future.

The forum is spearheaded by the Key Center Family Connection, an organization of parents and family members of developmentally disabled children and adults, and the Family Care Council for Area 13, an advocacy organization created in 1993 to address the needs of this population.

Call 352-795-5541, ext. 311, to reserve a seat at both sessions and lunch.

Donation to orchestra



Special to the Chronicle

Amy Mangan, North Coastal community relations manager for Progress Energy Florida, presents a check for \$4,000 to Harold Seckinger, president of Citrus Youth Educational Symphonic Orchestra Inc. From left are: Robert Bruce Sheffield, coordinator for Citrus County Schools Fine and Performing Arts Program; Mangan; Seckinger; CYESO Vice President Rebecca Montgomery, violinist and teacher of strings; and CYESO board member Dr. Cheryl Rutledge, pianist and authority on piano pedagogy. Montgomery is an accomplished luthier and responsible for the restoration of 30 stringed instruments given by Citrus High School Band director Brian York. See them on www.CYESO.org and Facebook.

Sugar Babes Doll Club to meet Nov. 28

Special to the Chronicle

Sugar Babes Doll Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Central Citrus Community Center, room 115 (off County Road 491 behind Dia-

mond Ridge Convalescent Center).

Lunch follows the meeting in the center's cafeteria. Lunch will be ordered and brought in from the New England Café.

The program will be a video from

the United Federation of Doll Clubs, of which Sugar Babes is a member.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Laurie at 352-382-2299, or Barbara at 352-344-1423.

Key Center Players excel with classic musical

It was standing room only at the Key Center's Players presentation of "The Sound of Music" last week out at the Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center on the Key Center Campus in Lecanto. Directed by Jay Goldstein and Theresa Flick, it was a joyous expression of love by the entire cast and crew of volunteers.

The two-act play had five scenes each. In Scene 1 of Act 1, Maria, played by Teresa Emmons, was singing "The Hills are Alive" as cast members looked on and joined in.

Scene 2 was inside the abbey as the cast of nuns, authentically dressed in their habits, contemplated "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?"

Scene 3 finds Maria arriving at the home of the Von Trapps with the captain played superbly by Troy Davidson, dressed in his military gold-braided attire, barking out the marching orders with his incessant whistle-blowing introduction of his children.

Scene 4 is the romantic garden scene with Liesel, played by Janna Cassidy, and Rolfe, played by Steven Wise, as they sing "Sixteen Going on Seventeen."

Scene 5 is in Maria's bedroom during the storm, when the children all pile in bed with her and she sings the classic "My Favorite Things" to clam their fears lovingly.

Act 2, Scene 1, finds the children dressed in their play clothes at an out-

door picnic as Maria teaches them "Do-re-mi."

Scene 2 finds the family back at the villa when Maria returns to the Von Trapps, and Scene 3 is in the living room as the captain sings the hauntingly beautiful "Edelweiss."

Scene 4 is the party night at the Von Trapps and the entire cast dances to "The Vienna Waltz" dressed in the formal finery.

Scene 5 depicts the children performing "So Long, Farewell" as the Von Trapps successfully escape the music festival. The finale is their sheltering scene in the Abbey.

Applause, applause for a lovely cherished memory; the Key Center Players in "The Sound of Music." It was an amazing performance by a group of very special players, lovingly directed and produced by a host of staff and volunteers.

In addition to the cast members aforementioned, Uncle Max was played by Jimmy Smith, a Key Center Imagination Workshop artist. Shawne Bush played Baroness Schraeder. The Von Trapp children were portrayed by Ryan Vanderburg as Fredrich, Nessa Howard as Louisa, Jason Sergeant as Kurt, Marion Maggiore as Brigitta, Megan Lemond as Marta, and Wendy von Schoppe as Gretl.

Maryellen Schabbruch played Mother Abbess, Joann Corallo played Sister Margarretta, Megan Bertocchi played Sister Berthe, Jessica Hahr

played Sister Sophia, Dorothy Cole played Sister Bernice, Patricia Tricolla played Sister Agatha, Vicky Delfin played Sister Catherine, Alexis Council played Sister Alexis, Ashley Farmer played Sister Ashley, Dee Bauldino played Sister Dee, Alison Hartley played Sister Ali, Adda Nelcha played Sister Adda, and Gerald Ramsey played Sister Geraldine.

The party guests were played by Chris Dimitrion, Michael Abbot, Jason Colt, Milana Jerrell, Michael C. Taylor, Heather Peek, Derek Drennan, Leonora Constable, Shelly Hilsman, Matt Gosse, Rachael Jahns, Tim Robb and Lenny Whitt.

The soldiers were played by Mark Johns, Donald Lane, Tim Tobb, Sean Cooper, Danny Lisicki, Derek Drennan, Benny Whitt and Matt Gosse.

The props were created by Ben Cole, Jeanne Lopez, Patrick Gallagher, Pat Turner and the Imagination Workshop of the Key. Costumes were created by Lisa Thompson, Mary Robertson, the ADT staff and families. The sound and the music were by Alison Becker, Bob Lieberman, Wendy Mader and Ron Hesketh. Ray Nightengale and cast members served as stagehands.

We look forward to the next Key Center Players production. Bravo, bravo, bravo!

Ruth Levins participates in a variety of projects around the community. Let her know about your group's upcoming activities by writing to PO. Box 803, Crystal River, FL 34423.

Ruth Levins AROUND THE COMMUNITY



News NOTES

Card party planned in Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills Card Club invites all to its Military Card Party slated for Dec. 11 at Central Ridge Community Center at Beverly Hills, 77 Civic Circle.

Reservations are required by Dec. 7. Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch will be served at noon. Games will begin at 1 p.m. Donation is \$12. Tickets are available at the office at Central Ridge Community Center from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Come enjoy the fun, prizes and raffle. For more information, call the center at 352-746-4882, or call 352-746-3636.

Pine Ridge to party Dec. 1

The community is invited to join the festivities at the third annual holiday event planned for 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in Pine Ridge.

The highlight will be when Citrus County Fire Rescue will bring Santa to the Pine Ridge Community Center at noon.

Cookies, milk, juice and coffee will be served. Crafts will be available for the children, and everyone is invited to sign cards for our troops.

To RSVP, call the office at 352-746-0899 or email pineridge2@mindspring.com.

Novel group to hear writer

Author Barbara Cairns will speak to the Florida Chapter of the Historical Novel Society at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Community Room of Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

Her topic will be "One Writer's History: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." She will show how writing has many rewards — not always



Barb Cairns to speak to novelists.

monetary — and will compare traditional publishing with self-publishing. Handouts will be provided.

Cairns is the author of "Cracker Cow, A Narrative of Florida History" and the "Gatsby's Grand Adventure" series of picture books. She is currently working on a middle grade novel set in Florida during the Civil War. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Florida Writer's Association, the National League of American Pen Women and FCHNS.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Marian Fox at 352-726-0163 or visit the website at ww.fchns.org.

School slates yard sale for Relay

Inverness Middle School Relay For Life Team will have a fundraiser yard sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the IMS bus ramp. Tables can be rented for \$10.

All funds will benefit the American cancer Society Relay For Life. For more information, call Rhonda Boedecker at 352-726-1471, ext. 5518.

Library plans scrapbooking class

Julie Baker will offer a scrapbooking class at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Citrus Springs Library.

The class is free, but participants need to bring two pages of coordinating scrapbook paper (holiday), stickers, ribbon, scissors, gluestick and two photos (optional) to create a two-page pop-up layout.

For more information or to register, call 352-489-2313.

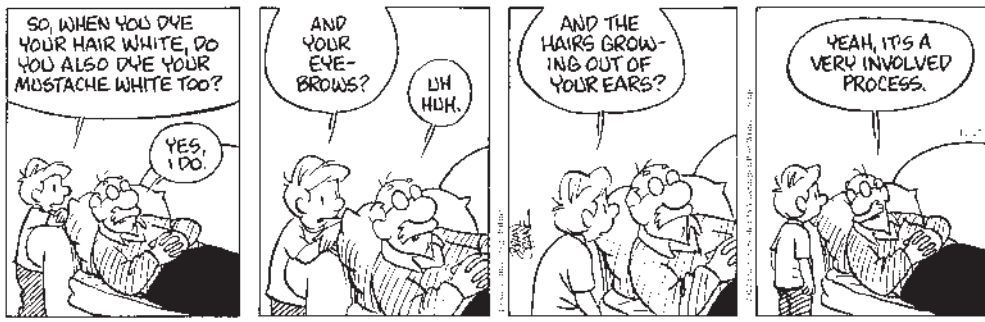
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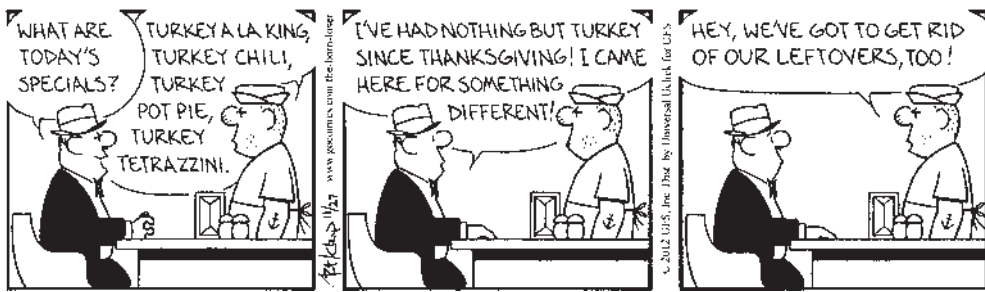
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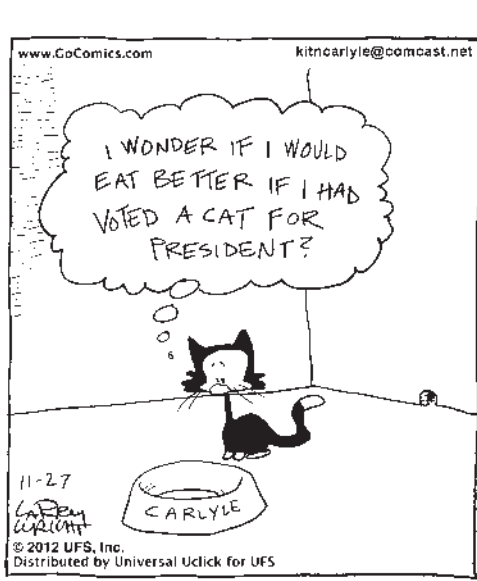
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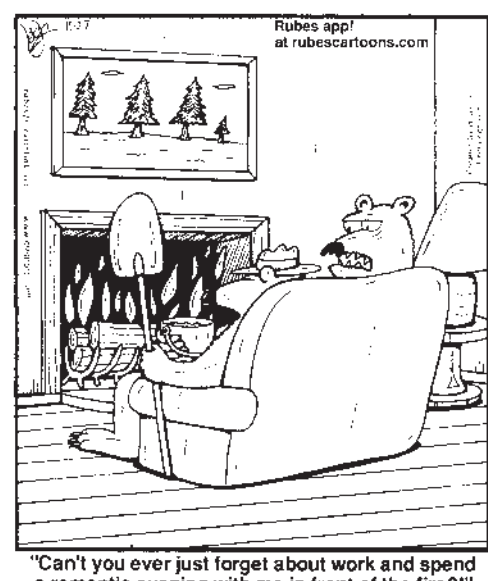
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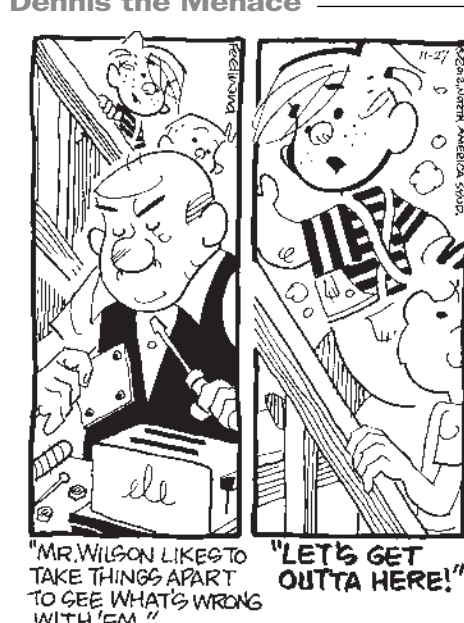
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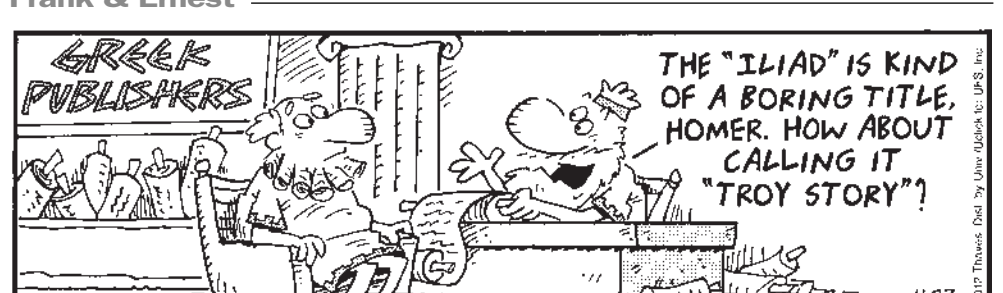
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Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377	7:45 p.m. No passes.
"Rise of the Guardians" (PG) 4:40 p.m. No passes.	"Red Dawn" (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m.
"Rise of the Guardians" (PG) In 3D. 1:40 p.m., 7:50 p.m. No passes.	"Life of Pi" (PG) In 3D. 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
"Life of Pi" (PG) In 3D. 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.	"Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
"Twilight: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m.	"Skyfall" (PG-13) 12:50 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
"Skyfall" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 7 p.m.	"Flight" (R) 1:10 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
"Flight" (R) 12:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.	"Wreck-it Ralph" 3D (PG) 2 p.m., 7:50 p.m.
"Wreck-it Ralph" (PG) 1:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m.	No passes.
No passes.	"Wreck-it Ralph" (PG) 4:50 p.m.
"Wreck-it Ralph" 3D (PG) 4:30 p.m. No passes.	"Cloud Atlas" (R) 1:20 p.m.
	"Taken 2" (PG-13) 7:15 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
 "Rise of the Guardians" (PG) 1:15 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m. No passes.
 "Rise of the Guardians" (PG) In 3D. 1:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. No passes.

Visit www.chronicleonline.com for area movie listings and entertainment information.

Times subject to change; call ahead.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
 by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "Crawl into your wounds to discover where your fears are. Once the bleeding starts, the cleansing can begin." — Tori Amos

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Both are at 8471 W. Periwinle Lane, Suite C., Homosassa.

The goal of the Volunteer Department is to provide competent and confident volunteers. All volunteers are required to attend core Volunteer Training Orientation and ongoing in-service trainings throughout the year.

Call Volunteer Director Cathi Thompson at 352-527-2020. Visit Hospice of Citrus County on Facebook or at www.hospiceofcitrus.org.

Support GROUPS

SPRING HILL - Leukemia/Lymphoma Support Group, 5 to 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Spring Hill Center...

Caregivers' Support and Information meeting, 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1070 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River. Call Charlotte Downing at 352-422-7044 for directions/information.

OCALA - Ocala Health Stroke Support Group meets 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the fourth

Tuesday monthly at the Senior Wellness Community Center (9850 S.W. 84th Court, Suite 500, Ocala). The next meeting will be June 26.

The group is for stroke survivors and their families and provides a forum for support, encouragement, and acceptance of a new and changing life.

The Citrus Memorial Diabetes Support Group, 10:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly on the campus of Citrus Memorial Health System in the auditorium.

The group will offer a variety of guest speakers throughout the year including dietitians, pharmacists and physicians.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Suncoast Chapter, Cancer Support Group (including Multiple Myeloma), 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at the Moose Lodge, 5214 Mariner Blvd., in Spring Hill. There is no charge and light refreshments are provided.

Alzheimer's caregiver support group by Alzheimer's Family Organization, 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at Sugarmill Manor, 8985 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa. Call Bevin Brayton at 352-302-9066.

Look Good... Feel Better, a free two-hour session for women undergoing radiation or chemotherapy, at 3 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly at the Cancer & Blood Disease Center, Lecanto, and 3 p.m. the fourth Wednesday monthly at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Lecanto.

PINELLAS PARK - "Connections" fireside-discussion-style support group for cancer patients, 7 p.m. the last Thursday monthly, WellSpring Oncology, 6600 66th St. N., Pinellas Park, 727-343-0600; www.wellspringoncology.org.

NEW PORT RICHEY - Community Chatterboxes support group to assist individuals suffering from communication deficits (i.e., aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, etc.) as a result of a cerebral vascular accident or other neurological disorders, 3 to 4 p.m. every other Thursday at Community Hospital, 5637 Marine Parkway, New Port Richey,

FL 34652. Caregivers and spouses are encouraged to attend. Call 727-845-0757.

Families Against Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, 11 a.m. the first Saturday monthly at Sandy Oaks RV Resort, 6760 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, for families, friends and anyone affected by MS. Call 352-422-5868.

BROOKSVILLE - "Man to Man" prostate cancer support group, 6 to 7 p.m. the first Monday monthly at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Brooksville Center, 7154 Medical Center Drive. Call Mary Capo at 352-596-1926.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group, 10 a.m. to noon the first Monday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W Marc Knighton Court in Lecanto. Pam Hall from Kids Central Inc. will facilitate the meeting. Call Pam at 352-387-3540.

OCALA - The Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders support group of Ocala, 3 to 5 p.m. the first Monday monthly at the Medical Office Building at West Marion Community Hospital, 4600 S.W. 46th Court, second-floor Community Room. Call 352-401-1453.

Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter sup-

port group: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 550 U.S. 41 S., Inverness, 11 a.m. first Tuesday monthly. Call Anne Black at 352-527-4600.

BROOKSVILLE - Women's breast cancer support group, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope Center at 7154 Medical Center Drive, Spring Hill. Call Tamara Randazzo, R.T., at 352-592-8128.

SPRING HILL - Caregiver Support Group, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly, at the Florida Cancer Institute-New Hope's Spring Hill Center, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203 in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call Pamela McGee, facilitator, at 352-688-7744.

Alzheimer's caregiver support group by Alzheimer's Family Organization, 2:30 p.m. the first Thursday monthly at Superior Residences of Lecanto, 4865 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway. RSVP by Nov. 26 if you require respite. Call Debbie Selsavage at 352-746-5483.

The Area 13 Family Care Council, 10 a.m. to noon the second Monday monthly at the Wildwood Agency for Persons with Disabilities office, 1601 W. Gulf Atlantic Highway (State Road 44). Call Karen Huscher at 352-726-1445 or

isabelfcc13@yahoo.com. Area 13 covers Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties. There are 15 Family Care Councils with governor-appointed volunteer members, who are individuals with a developmental disability or are a family member. Seeking new members. Contact Huscher at 352-726-1445 or bettykay@aol.com; facebook.com/groups/331632140186772/. Website: www.FCCFlorida.org.

NAMI-Citrus, locally chartered group of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, meets the second Monday monthly at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, on County Road 486 in Citrus Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., speaker at 6:45 p.m. All those with an interest in mental health issues are welcome. Call 352-341-2273.

SPRING HILL - Healthy Hearts support group open to anyone looking for information on cardiac disease, 4 to 5:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly in the cafeteria conference room at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are required, call 352-628-6060 in Citrus, 352-597-6333 in Hernando or visit the website www.OakHillHospital.com.

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