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NEWS BRIEF

Got the day off? Visit the park

The Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park is open today, New Year's Day. Park officials encourage the public to celebrate the holiday with a visit to the park.

SO YOU KNOW

- Early holiday deadlines for today mean lottery numbers will not be appear in today's *Chronicle*. Look for the payouts printed in Wednesday's edition.
- Early deadlines also mean stocks will not be in today's paper. The stock markets are closed today.

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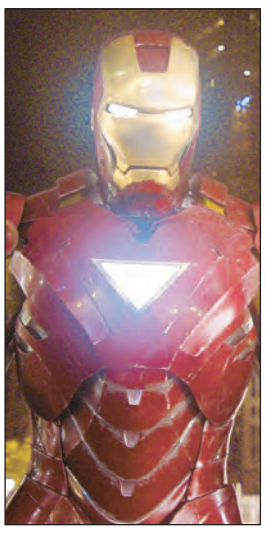

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Well permit draws deep concerns

2012 Year in REVIEW

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

CRYSTAL RIVER — It wasn't the old lumber yard at 142 N.E. 11th St. that has residents and officials concerned, it's what someone plans to do with the water underneath.

A decision by the Southwest Florida Water Management District to issue a well permit for a company that will sell water to an Ocala bottling plant brought anger and disbelief to the community.

Officials and residents were in disbelief upon learning that, while the permit allows 28 million gallons of water to be pumped a year, it didn't require a

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A new day dawns

GERRY MULLIGAN/Chronicle

The sun rises over King's Bay on a late December morning, illuminating both sky and water.

SO YOU KNOW

- Negotiations on a deal to avert the fiscal cliff continued as of press time. Read a detailed news analysis in Wednesday's *Chronicle*.

Fiscal cliff, what now?

AP sources: Deal emerging

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Working with Congress against a midnight deadline, President Barack Obama said Monday that a deal to avert the "fiscal cliff" was in sight but not yet finalized. The emerging deal would raise tax rates on family income over $450,000 and individual income over $400,000 a year, increase the estate tax rate and extend unemployment benefits for one year.

"There are still issues left to resolve but we're hopeful Congress can get it done," Obama said at a campaign-style event at the White House. "But it's not done."

In the building New Year's Eve drama, the parties still were at an impasse over whether to put off the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts set to take effect at the beginning of the year and if so, how to pay for that.

One official said talks were focused on a two-month

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Healthy goals

Woman drops 100 pounds, aims for more

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

INVERNESS — Lisa Leeper smiles easily.

At 47, she lives at Avante at Inverness, most likely the youngest resident at the nursing care facility.

She came there a year ago from Lake County after a hip injury, weighing 412 pounds.

She came with four goals: to lose between 200 to 250 pounds (she has already lost more than 100), to get much-needed hip surgery, to be healthy and strong enough to get her own house or apartment, and her ultimate goal — to find a "nice Christian man, settle down and have a family."

Georgette Bass, Avante's activities director, calls her an inspiration.

It's not easy losing 100-plus pounds, especially when you spend most of your time in a wheelchair, especially when you live in a nursing home.

"When I go through

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

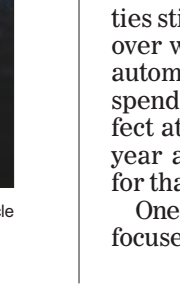
Activities assistant Nicole Sharpe walks alongside Lisa Leeper at Avante at Inverness as part of Leeper's physical therapy. Leeper has lost about 100 pounds in her drive to lead a healthy and happy life.

Commissioner sets goals for 2013

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff writer

Successfully dealing with a difficult economy will be the challenge to the county in the year ahead.

"These are five goals I would like Citrus County to focus on in 2013," Joe Meek, chairman of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), recently told the *Chronicle*. "As a county and a local government, if we would focus on these issues, it would be beneficial for our community."



Joe Meek
chairman of Citrus County commission.

Budget issues

From the first BOCC meeting, commissioners and county staff will confront the current budget on a schedule at each board meeting for three months. They will divide the budget by function and take it apart to explain how the money is being spent this year and what the shortfall is, what the programs are and how much taxpayers are paying for them. Commissioners and members of the public will comment at each meeting. Then the budget will be put back together again, so the board will learn how much it can fund of what residents want. Commissioners will look at both budget reductions and increases in revenue through other sources for a sustainable, balanced budget without pulling from reserves.

"Regardless of our issue with Duke (Energy Inc.), we were going to have to go through this process," Meek said.

Economic development

The BOCC will continue to focus on economic development initiatives to diversify the county's sources of jobs and income. Working with the Citrus County Economic Development Council, the board will continue to focus on targeted industries. Medical care, Port Citrus and tourism also will be areas to be incentivized.

As a board, it will focus on

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Rural residents savor laid-back lifestyle

Erica Brough
The Gainesville Sun

— NEWBERRY Cast net fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Horseback riding and playing bluegrass music.

Cheering for the hometown football team on Friday nights, or singing for the church choir on Sunday mornings.

Those are seasonings that provide unique flavors to the small towns of North Central Florida. While many of the activities are unique to a specific community, others can be found in several places.

Rural North Florida has features that have attracted equestrians, anglers, farmers, and others who are willing to eschew the conveniences of nearby shopping, medical care and schools for the freedom to pursue their outdoor interests.

In some cases, those who left the area to pursue a job or an education or for some other reason find themselves returning again and again for the atmosphere they associate with rural life.

A big draw each fall is Friday night football, regardless of the weather. With few exceptions, rural high schools have football teams that play under the lights on Friday nights, drawing hundreds of local residents to the stadiums.

Valencia Mells, a 1985 graduate of Newberry High School, is among those still sitting in the bleachers every Friday night.

"I am here every year, every game," said Mells. "It's Panther pride in this small town. It's like a close-knit family."

Newberry High School graduate Tommy Hemphill, who played tight end for the Panthers nearly 20 years ago, brought his 13-year-old daughter, Taylor, from Orlando to attend this year's homecoming game Sept. 28.

ERICA BROUGH/The Gainesville Sun

Archer resident Bob Lusnia helps his grandson, Lucas Gruenwald, 3, get on an antique tractor on display Oct. 6 during the annual Central Florida Peanut Festival in Williston.

"This field brings back memories," said Hemphill. "The family brings you back to town and back to the game."

In some communities, there is a specific bit of geography that draws residents together regularly. In Orange Lake, it's the lake.

"We are swamp rats in this community," said Troy Abner, a native of the area. "When we get up, we go down to the lake. We like frog legs instead of filet mignon."

Abner said he has seen the lake go dry four or five times since he was born in the area in 1962. The bouts of drought can have a significant effect on those who rely on anglers and other visitors. But in good times and in bad times, Orange Lake has a place just like the place found in most small towns — the local pub.

In the Orange Lake community, the pub is U.S. Veterans Post 102 on U.S. 441. It is part bar, part restaurant and a total social club for patrons.

"We don't have nothing," said Joe Kutcher of McIntosh. "But we sit here and we socialize. This is a gathering hole for us. It's socialization — being friends with people you can talk with whether it be right, wrong or indifferent."

With daily drink and lunch specials, frequent karaoke nights and special events like the annual Christmas party, the post is a place where guys like Rod Walker of McIntosh feel comfortable and accepted.

"I live up in the big city (McIntosh). We have a flashing light," Walker said. "I wanted to come back to the country people. People around here are just trying to get along."

Cyndi Purvis has been bartending at the Orange Lake post for a few years, serving an older crowd, weekend visitors escaping boredom, boaters and locals, she said.

"We have a preference for country western music here," she said. "They come for steak dinner, and stay for karaoke and dancing."

Another activity that draws North Florida residents in droves is an annual festival. The region has only a few months each year that don't offer at least a couple of weekend festivals. Windsor has its zucchini fest. Trenton hosts a quilting extravaganza, and in Williston, it's the Peanut Festival on the first Saturday in October.

Mary and Walter Duvall of Lecanto drove about 40 miles to get to this year's ode to peanuts on Oct. 8.

"We haven't seen peanuts this big in a long time," Walter said to Mary as they sampled a few. "We come because we like the local, old-time color here. It's all like folks back home. The people are nice, they are country."

The feeling of back home or down home is what draws many to other festivals as well, such as the Bluegrass Festival in Palatka at the Rodeheaver Boys' Ranch.

Sitting in a rocking chair at this year's event was Beaufort, S.C., resident Barbara Body. She was munching on fresh popped kettle corn while listening to one of the first bands play.

"We come to this event faithfully," said Body. "My husband (Lou Body) enjoys the music."

Lou enjoys the music so much that now his trips to the festival include arranging time to take finger-picking lessons on a dobro.

Robert and Shirley Williams of Lake City like to get front-row seats and spend their time between performances reading.

"We come for the music and the atmosphere," said Robert. "The nice thing is you can sit in the front row and you can still hear."

The front row is often a preferred seat for another sort of small-town fun. Horse events ranging from trail rides to rodeoing to dressage attract enthusiasts to live, work and play in North Florida.

Horses are big animals that require big spaces to compete in. The owners, trainers and fans who are at the events also need big spaces to accommodate the motor homes, travel trailers, horse trailers and other gear they travel with. North Florida, especially Levy and Marion counties, have plenty of space that has proven ideal for all sorts of horse events.

At the Florida Horse Park in Marion County, an October event drew riders and trainers from across the state. The three-phase competition involved dressage, jumping and running a cross country course.

Paige Ammons, 14, a cross-country rider from Land O'Lakes, arrived confident and excited to show off the skills she has acquired since beginning to ride five years ago.

"Horses are my favorite animal," Paige said. "They really catch my eye. I like jumping. I like flying through the air."

Not every small-town event is structured and organized. A big part of rural life includes time to just enjoy local, everyday activities.

For teens in Dixie County, a favorite way to spend time is to cruise along U.S. 19 after the sun sets while looking for their friends. The teens tend to cluster around their pickup trucks in a business parking lot where they can swap stories, laugh and generally enjoy each other face-to-face without constant texting.

In tiny, coastal Cedar Key on a sunny after-school afternoon, the preference is often walking through town in bare feet just to see what's going on.

Cassie Lozier, 11, and Ciera Beckham, 13, who have been best friends since toddlerhood, routinely leave their shoes behind. "We go bare-footed because it's just like home," said Ciera. "Nobody cares."

Instead of shoes, the girls said they like to carry cast nets when they head out onto a dock or boat in search of mullet, catfish, pinfish and yellow tip.

"You never have to go anywhere," said Ciera. "You can fish right off your own deck with your own cast nets."

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Around THE STATE

Citrus County

Citrus Port Authority to meet Jan. 8

The Citrus County Port Authority will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Citrus County Courthouse, Room 100. Among the topics to be discussed is the Port Citrus feasibility agreement with TranSystems.

This meeting is open to the public. The Courthouse is at 110 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness.

Republican clubs to host school speaker

Nature Coast Republican Club and Citrus Republican Womens Club will conduct a monthly meeting Saturday, Jan. 12: coffee at 8:30 a.m., meeting at 9.

Linda Powers, Citrus County School Board member, will present "Status of our Schools." Group meets at the American Legion Post 155 in Crystal River. Call 352-746-2545 for information.

Citra

Marion County soldier killed in Afghanistan

A soldier from north Florida has been killed in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense says Pfc. Markie T. Sims of Citra, in northern Marion County, died Saturday in Panjwal, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

The 20-year-old was assigned to the 38th Engineer Company, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, under control of the 7th Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Oviedo

Search continues for missing boaters

Authorities in central Florida are continuing their search for two fishermen who may have been ejected from their boat on Lake Jesup.

The *Orlando Sentinel* reported rescue teams spent much of Sunday searching for 26-year-old Charlie Jackson and 30-year-old Jason Cobb. Family members told the newspaper the men had gone to a bachelor party on Friday night and set out onto the lake just after midnight Saturday.

Crews planned to return to the lake early Monday to search again.

Tampa

Arrest made in fatal stabbing of man

Police arrested a man accused of fatally stabbing someone over $10 worth of marijuana.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies said 24-year-old Gerardo Rivera-Pagan is being held in jail on first-degree murder charge. They said he stabbed Ovidio Sanchez on Dec. 23 after he fought with Rivera-Pagan's friend at Angel's Smoke Shop.

The *Tampa Tribune* reported Sanchez confronted 19-year-old Luis Rivers and stabbed him several times.

Authorities said Rivers was covered in blood when he went into a convenience store seeking help. He was taken to a hospital and was in stable condition last week.

—From staff and wire reports

Clarification

There are no coyotes on the Citrus Springs Golf Course, according to general manager Jay Hayward. A Sound Off on Page C4 in Sunday's *Chronicle* said otherwise.

The *Chronicle* regrets any misunderstanding.

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New law permits headlight flashing

In effect as of today

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Flashing your headlights to alert oncoming drivers that police are lurking on the roadside ahead will no longer be illegal in Florida, though a lawyer who has represented ticketed motorists said a new law legalizing the practice still has loopholes.

A provision legalizing such speed trap warnings is part of a wide-ranging motor vehicle law taking effect Tuesday with the new year. Other changes range from allowing homeless people to get free state identification cards to creating a pair of new specialty license plates. It also would for the first time permit the state to issue specialty driver licenses and ID cards.

Oviedo attorney J. Marcus Jones, who has helped headlight-blinking motorists get their tickets dismissed, said the new law doesn't go far enough.

"The action of the Legislature in our belief fell short," Jones said.

By the time the law was passed in March, the Florida Highway Patrol already had ordered state troopers to stop issuing tickets for high-beam flashing after being hit with a lawsuit Jones filed on behalf of Erich Campbell.

The St. Petersburg College student from Land O' Lakes was cited for violating an existing law that says "flashing lights are prohibited on vehicles" except for turn signals.

The lawsuit contends the Highway Patrol had been misinterpreting that provision in Florida's traffic code because it was meant only to ban drivers from having strobes or official-looking emergency vehicle lights on their cars and trucks.

To clear up any ambiguity, the new law amends that provision to specifically allow motorists to flash their headlights at an oncoming vehicle regardless of intent.

A Pinellas County judge dismissed Campbell's $115 ticket, but his lawsuit is in trouble.

Another judge in Tallahassee ruled it's a moot issue because of the new law. Jones, though, has asked Circuit Judge Kevin Carroll to reconsider because of the loopholes he believes it contains.

If he can get Judge Carroll to change his mind, Jones then could seek class-action status and try to get refunds for an estimated 2,400 motorists who paid fines for flashing their high beams between 2005 and 2010.

The new law also will create additional specialty tags for Vietnam War veterans and those who have won the Combat Infantry Badge.

It also allows the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to use email instead of the U.S. Postal Service to send out driver license renewal notices; creates plates for retired governors and federal and state lawmakers; and repeals a provision that says school buses can go no more than 55 miles an hour even if the speed limit is higher.

It also would prohibit swamp buggies from operating on state roadways unless permitted to do so by local governments, and allow golf carts to drive on sidewalks that are at least 5 feet wide alongside state highways.

Sharing siblings

Sister gives kidney to ailing brother

NANCY KENNEDY
Staff writer

INVERNESS — Howard Chambers and his sister Sherrie Matthews believe siblings should share.

So, when Chambers needed a kidney, without a moment's hesitation Matthews said, "Of course I'll give you one of mine."

On Nov. 15, that's what she did.

"We've always been close," Matthews said.

Howard Chambers, 64, was born with only one kidney, although he didn't find out until he was about 20 and got hurt while working on a silo in western New York.

At the hospital, doctors couldn't find one of his kidneys on an X-ray and rushed him to another hospital in Erie, Penn., thinking it broke loose somehow.

When Chambers learned he only had one kidney, it was an oddity, but nothing to worry about since he was young.

"When I was in my 30s and had to take a physical for a job, they saw that my creatine numbers were climbing, so we knew someday my kidney would quit," he said. "It lasted another 30 years. I was probably 60 when they told me it was really failing."

In 1996, Chambers' had triple-bypass surgery, which revealed a cancerous mass growing on the back of his heart.

NANCY KENNEDY/Chronicle

On Nov. 15, Sherrie Matthews gave her brother, Howard Chambers, the best gift she could give him — one of her kidneys.

"I haven't been too healthy," he said.

A kidney transplant was always on the horizon, but because of his poor health — he also developed diabetes — the doctors said if he was put on the transplant waiting list for a donor kidney he probably would never get one. That's when Matthews said he could have hers — she was a perfect match. For several years they played a waiting game.

Dec. 30, 2011, Chambers' went in for surgery to have a dialysis fistula inserted so he could begin dialysis treatment when his kidney completely shut down.

However, transplant surgery was out of the question, because Chambers weighed too much. At 274 pounds, he needed to get down to 200 before his doctor would OK him for surgery.

So, he set about losing the weight. Three nights a week he went for dialysis treatment and followed a strict renal diet. During the day he rode his bicycle, averaging 100 miles a week, and played shuffleboard.

By his surgery date, Nov. 15, he weighed 202 pounds.

"I was determined," he said.

"The whole family was at the waiting room at Tampa General," said Deborah Chambers, Howard's wife.

The only glitch was a tiny kidney stone the doctors found in Matthews' donated kidney, which was removed. Both Chambers and his sister, with the companionship of their spouses, spent Thanksgiving recovering from their surgeries at a friend's house in Tampa. They sat on the couch while their spouses cooked.

"Now all of a sudden he's back to normal again, but it's a different normal," Mrs. Chambers said. "For so many months we had a different way of life."

Now, Chambers' blood pressure is normal and his diabetes is getting better. The doctor recently cleared him to ride his bike again. He'll be taking anti-rejection drugs for the rest of his life, but that's OK because now he has a "rest of his life" to look forward to.

"We're hoping for another 15 years," he said.

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Lyngbya clean-up crew discovers spring vent

Volunteers removed 548 tons of algae

Special to the Chronicle

Kings Bay Rotary's "One Rake at a Time" community service project uncovered another spring vent in King's Bay while removing Lyngbya on the last day of the year. Right at the end of one of the Hunters Spring's canals, fresh clean water could be seen bubbling up through white sand where it had not been seen in years, according to Art Jones, pioneer of the project. Next to the sea wall more water could be seen gushing up where it had been uncovered in November.

The canals and springs around Hunters Spring are slowly coming back to life again as ton after ton of thick benthic mats of lyngbya are removed, slowing the internal eutrophication going on in parts of King's Bay and cleaning the water of pollutants, Jones said.

Special to the Chronicle

Lyngbya is removed from King's Bay by the trailer-load on one of the last days of 2012.

With 2012 coming to a close, another 443 tons of noxious lyngbya algae have been removed since September, making a total of more than 548 tons taken out of King's Bay since the project began in September 2011. Work has been going well, with cleanups taking place at Hunters Spring basin and canals, Indian River, Three Sisters Springs and canals, Ceder Cove, the northwest boat ramp, the Third Street Pier, Stoney Point, Palm Springs and other various sections of Crystal River and King's Bay.

In the second year of the project the Rotary is averaging more than 7,383 pounds per day of polluting Lyngbya removed from the waters of King's Bay. With the help of mechanical methods added to help volunteer muscle in restoring water quality, quantity, clarity along with improving fish, manatee and human habitat, things are slowly improving.

This year the Lyngbya harvester has also been used to harvest manatee food from Cooter Pond in Inverness to help feed the manatees in the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Natural native submerged vegetation is lacking in the Homosassa River because of invasive Lyngbya and manatees are hurting for food there also. The Kings Bay Rotary hopes to be taking the One Rake project to the Homosassa River some time in 2013 and is now looking for more sponsors.

The next public cleanup will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 26, at Hunter Springs Park in Crystal River. College students and teachers who were here last year from Darton College in Georgia are coming back to kick-off the new year.

For more information contact Art Jones at MrAWJones@aol.com or follow the project on Facebook at "Save Kings Bay" Watch "One Rake at a Time" on TV every Sunday at noon on WYKE cable 16 to learn more. To see the project in action search YouTube for "SaveKingsBay."

WELL

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meter so there is no way to monitor the actual withdrawal amounts.

Water district officials said they had no choice but to issue the permit, which cost $50. City officials said they didn't learn of the permit until after the period to appeal had expired.

City Manager Andy Houston said he didn't know at the time that his office could be alerted anytime someone requests a water-use permit from the water district.

"Had we been on that register previously, we could have voiced our concerns," Houston said. "We're on that list now."

Heatherwood Investments LLC of Crystal River and Mistletoe LLC of Ocala requested the permit. They intend to transport water from the site to Consolidated Water Group LLC in Ocala.

So far, other than a test well, nothing has occurred on the property.

Jackie Gorman, director of planning and development, said the company must submit a site plan that includes restroom facilities, landscaping, well location, expected daily truck traffic amounts and future uses for the property.

She said the owners must bring the old lumber yard site up to current code. Any variance of the code will require council approval.

"Our land development code is one size fits all and sometimes it doesn't fit," Gorman said. "If we are in disagreement, we go to the council with it. I don't foresee that happening."

Gorman said she hopes the company's trucks will access 11th Street off Citrus Avenue rather than drive through the neighborhood.

She also said the company hasn't given her a timeline for when it wants to start pumping water.

"They submitted their original conceptual site plan a month ago," Gorman said. "They have not given me any sense of urgency on this."

Contact Chronicle reporter Mike Wright at 352-563-3228 or mwright@chronicleonline.com.

CLIFF

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delay in the across-the-board cuts but negotiators had yet to agree on about $24 billion in savings from elsewhere in the budget. Democrats had asked for the cuts to be put off for one year and be offset by unspecified revenue.

The president said that whatever last-minute fixes are necessary, they must come from a blend of tax revenue and constrained spending, not just budget cuts.

And a little more than an hour after Obama spoke, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said it was time to decouple the two major issues.

"We'll continue to work on smarter ways to cut spending, but let's not let that hold up protecting Americans from a tax hike that will take place in about ten hours," he said.

Officials emphasized that negotiations were continuing and the emerging deal was not yet final. And a confident Obama, flanked by cheering middle class Americans in a White House auditorium, jabbed Congress, saying lawmakers were prone to last-minute delays.

"One thing we can count on with respect to this Congress is that if there's even one second left before you have to do what you're supposed to do, they will use that last second," he said.

Speaking shortly afterward on the Senate floor, Sen. John McCain said that "at a time of crisis, on New Year's Eve...you had the president of the United States go over and have a cheerleading, ridiculing-of-Republicans exercise." The Arizona Republican lost the 2008 presidential race to Obama.

Unless an agreement is reached and approved by Congress at the start of the New Year, more than $500 billion in 2013 tax increases will take effect immediately and $109 billion in cuts will be carved from defense and domestic programs

Associated Press

President Barack Obama pauses Monday as he speaks about the fiscal cliff in the South Court Auditorium at the White House in Washington.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Burglaries

■ A residential burglary was reported at 3:29 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, in the 2900 block of S. Coleman Ave., Homosassa.

■ A commercial burglary was reported at 8:35 a.m. Dec. 28 in the 3100 block of N. Carl G. Rose Highway, Hernando.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 10:26 a.m. Dec. 28 in the 600 block of Bay St., Inverness.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:46 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, in the 3800 block of N. Nokomis Point, Crystal River.

■ A commercial burglary was reported at 9:43 a.m. Dec. 29 in the 600 block of Whispering Pines Blvd., Inverness.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 10:04 a.m. Dec. 29 in the 1800 block of S. Juneberry Lane, Inverness.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 12:31 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 5400 block of S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

■ A residential burglary was reported at 1:25 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 6300 block of S. Hancock Road, Homosassa.

■ A vehicle burglary was reported at 8:42 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, in the 1500 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

Thefts

■ A grand theft was reported at 10:39 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, in the 800 block of E. Hillsborough Court, Hernando.

■ A grand theft was reported at 1:59 p.m. Dec. 28 at Beverly Hills Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

■ A grand theft was reported at 4:46 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 5500 block of W. Irving Court, Homosassa.

■ A larceny petit theft was reported at 4:56 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 1600 block of W. Redding St., Hernando.

■ A petit theft was reported at 6:16 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 7600 block of W. Drover St., Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 9:02 p.m. Dec. 28 in the 3900 block of S. Gemini Point, Homosassa.

■ A petit theft was reported at 2:55 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, in the 700 block of S. Rowe Terrace, Lecanto.

■ A petit theft was reported at 2:02 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 2400 block of W. Dolphin Drive, Dunnellon.

■ A petit theft was reported at 2:47 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A grand theft was reported at 4:06 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 6300 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 5:18 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 2400 block of E. Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

■ A petit theft was reported at 5:21 p.m. Dec. 29 in the 3900 block of S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa.

■ A grand theft was reported at 5:46 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, in the 4700 block of E. Marsh Lake Drive, Hernando.

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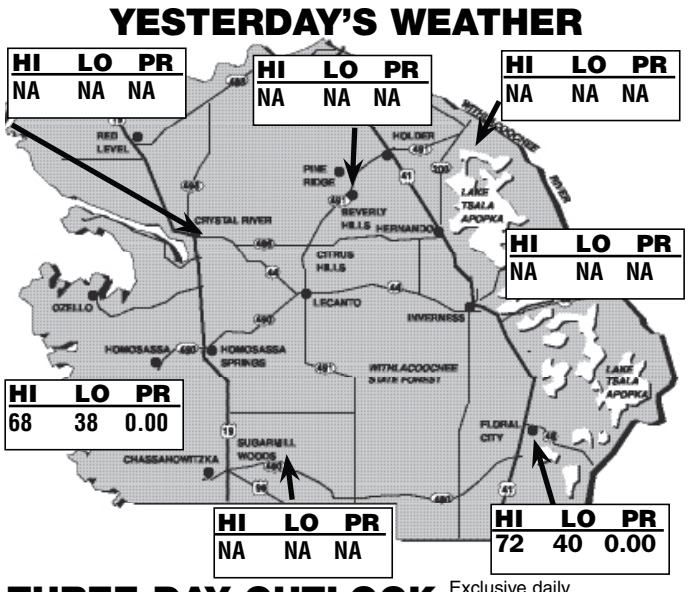
YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 76 Low: 55
Mostly sunny to partly sunny and warmer.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING
High: 77 Low: 54
Increasing clouds with a 20% chance of rain by night.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING
High: 70 Low: 52
Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers.

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TEMPERATURE*

Monday	73/39
Record	83/21
Normal	70/43
Mean temp.	56
Departure from mean	+0

PRECIPITATION*

Monday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	3.00 in.
Total for the year	62.01 in.
Normal for the year	51.79 in.

*As of 7 p.m. at Inverness

UV INDEX: 5
0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high

BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
Monday at 3 p.m. 30.24 in.

DEW POINT
Monday at 3 p.m. 52

HUMIDITY
Monday at 3 p.m. 49%

POLLEN COUNT**

Today's active pollen:
juniper, maple, oak

Today's count: 7.4/12
Wednesday's count: 9.8
Thursday's count: 8.7

AIR QUALITY
Monday was good with pollutants mainly particulates.

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
1/1	TUESDAY	9:15	2:33	9:39	——
1/2	WEDNESDAY	10:00	3:18	10:25	3:43

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

JAN. 4 · JAN. 11 · JAN. 18 · JAN. 26

SUNSET TONIGHT	5:44 P.M.
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:24 A.M.
MOONRISE TODAY	9:52 P.M.
MOONSET TODAY	9:56 A.M.

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. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

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.

Hand watering with a shut-off nozzle or micro irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can be done on any day and at any time.

Citrus County Utilities' customers should CALL BEFORE YOU INSTALL new plant material 352-527-7669. Some new plantings may qualify for additional watering allowances.

To report violations, please call: City of Inverness @ 352-726-2321, City of Crystal River @ 352-795-4216 ext. 313, unincorporated Citrus County @ 352-527-7669.

TIDES

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

City	Tuesday High/Low	Tuesday High/Low	Wednesday High/Low	Wednesday High/Low
Chassahowitzka*	7:18 a/3:30 a	8:27 p/3:53 p	8:02 a/4:11 a	9:01 p/4:28 p
Crystal River**	5:39 a/12:52 a	6:48 p/1:15 p	6:23 a/1:33 a	7:22 p/1:50 p
Withlacoochee*	3:26 a/11:03 a	4:35 p/11:21 p	4:10 a/11:38 a	5:09 p/——
Homosassa***	6:28 a/2:29 a	7:37 p/2:52 p	7:12 a/3:10 a	8:11 p/3:27 p

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	75	59	s	Miami	79	65	s
Ft. Lauderdale	79	67	s	Ocala	74	56	s
Fort Myers	79	62	s	Orlando	77	58	s
Gainesville	73	55	s	Pensacola	73	52	sh
Homestead	78	62	s	Sarasota	77	60	s
Jacksonville	71	54	s	Tallahassee	73	56	pc
Key West	79	70	pc	Tampa	74	63	s
Lakeland	75	59	s	Vero Beach	76	58	s
Melbourne	77	60	s	W. Palm Bch.	78	62	s

MARINE OUTLOOK

South winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters will have a light chop. Mostly sunny today.

Gulf water temperature
59°
Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	Sun.	Mon.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	n/a	n/a	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	n/a	n/a	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	n/a	n/a	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	n/a	n/a	42.40

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-precent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

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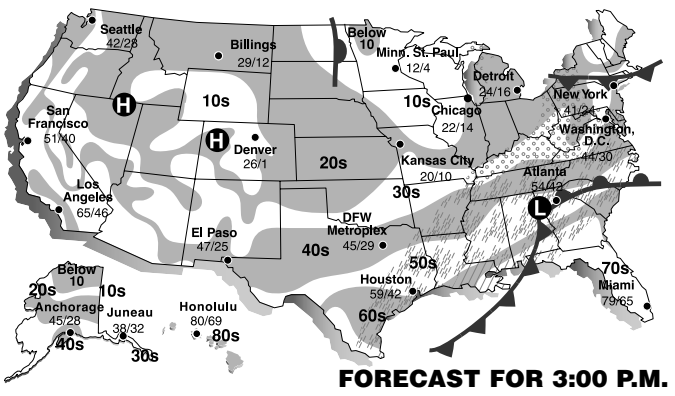

FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY

City	Monday H	L	Pcp.	Tuesday Fcst	H	L
Albany	34	21		pc	29	11
Albuquerque	38	30	.03	pc	35	17
Asheville	51	24		r	45	35
Atlanta	52	30		r	54	42
Atlantic City	42	28		sh	45	28
Austin	61	46	.17	pc	58	33
Baltimore	40	27		sh	45	28
Billings	19	9		pc	29	12
Birmingham	49	34		r	53	40
Boise	23	13		pc	25	3
Boston	32	21		pc	35	16
Buffalo	34	25		sn	25	17
Burlington, VT	27	13		pc	16	2
Charleston, SC	60	26		pc	66	53
Charleston, WV	36	20		rs	37	23
Charlotte	53	26		r	48	40
Chicago	35	31		s	22	14
Cincinnati	36	19		pc	32	12
Cleveland	34	21		pc	29	19
Columbia, SC	57	26		r	57	44
Columbus, OH	34	19	.02	pc	31	12
Concord, N.H.	32	14		c	27	3
Dallas	44	39	.16	s	45	29
Denver	22	13		pc	26	1
Des Moines	33	19		pc	13	6
Detroit	34	17		pc	24	16
El Paso	48	38		s	47	25
Evansville, IN	36	30	.09	pc	33	15
Harrisburg	36	23		c	38	22
Hartford	35	16		pc	36	15
Houston	59	46	.01	r	59	42
Indianapolis	34	27	.02	pc	28	9
Jackson	55	33		r	58	39
Las Vegas	46	37		s	48	32
Little Rock	39	34	.01	pc	44	29
Los Angeles	54	41		s	65	46
Louisville	37	28		c	35	18
Memphis	48	36		r	46	27
Milwaukee	33	25		s	16	10
Minneapolis	18	8		pc	12	4
Mobile	57	35		ts	72	49
Montgomery	56	30		r	61	49
Nashville	42	27		r	44	27
New Orleans	57	42		ts	70	51
New York City	37	28		c	41	24
Norfolk	46	25		sh	47	37
Oklahoma City	38	34	.35	pc	33	21
Omaha	24	17		pc	21	7
Palm Springs	57	38		s	59	38
Philadelphia	37	30		c	43	30
Phoenix	50	41		pc	55	37
Pittsburgh	33	20		sn	29	14
Portland, ME	33	13		pc	29	5
Portland, Ore	35	30		s	41	30
Providence, R.I.	34	18		pc	36	16
Raleigh	50	25		sh	44	39
Rapid City	21	2		pc	29	19
Reno	20	11		pc	32	12
Rochester, NY	35	27		sn	26	17
Sacramento	46	31		s	53	31
St. Louis	39	34	.20	pc	26	14
St. Ste. Marie	31	23	.01	sn	19	7
Salt Lake City	24	12	.01	pc	26	11
San Antonio	59	50	.22	s	62	36
San Diego	53	41		s	62	44
San Francisco	49	37		s	52	37
Savannah	59	27		pc	66	54
Seattle	37	30		pc	42	28
Spokane	25	23		c	22	12
Syracuse	35	27		sn	26	15
Topeka	39	29	.02	pc	23	10
Washington	41	29		sh	44	30

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; dr=drizzle; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.

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YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 80 McAllen, Texas
LOW -21 Minot A.F.B., N.D.

WORLD CITIES

CITY	TUESDAY H/L/SKY	CITY	TUESDAY H/L/SKY
Acapulco	88/75/pc	Lisbon	56/44/c
Amsterdam	45/43/sh	London	45/36/pc
Athens	54/47/c	Madrid	49/35/pc
Beijing	10/-3/s	Mexico City	70/46/pc
Berlin	43/36/sh	Montreal	17/10/pc
Bermuda	66/66/pc	Moscow	26/23/sf
Cairo	67/52/s	Paris	48/35/sh
Calgary	29/16/s	Rio	93/77/pc
Havana	81/67/pc	Rome	50/47/sh
Hong Kong	57/53/pc	Sydney	74/67/sh
Jerusalem	60/45/s	Tokyo	45/33/s
		Toronto	26/21/c
		Warsaw	38/30/pc

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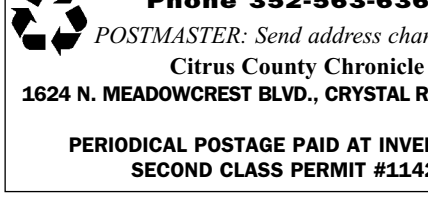

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HEALTHY

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hardships, I remember the scripture verse, 'I take pleasure in my infirmities ... for when I am weak, then I am strong.' I've overcome a lot," Leeper says.

She grew up feeling unloved. A house fire 10 years ago destroyed everything she owned. At one time she was homeless, living in her car, living in a shelter. Her mother tried to kill herself. Her stepfather, whom she adored, died. She gained 250 pounds.

But through it all, she learned that she was, indeed, strong.

"I like to encourage people," Leeper says. "I have determination. I tell people, 'Your past failures, you just have to get past them. Determination — you have to keep at it.' "

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Leeper grew up in Leesburg. She worked in a day-care center — she loves kids — and then found a good job in a school cafeteria.

In 2003, she lost everything in a house fire and ended up in a women's shelter for six months.

"I didn't know I could handle such a crisis," she says.

At the shelter she was required to take drug and alcohol abuse classes, since most of the women there dealt with those issues, but that wasn't her issue. She felt out of place and prayed that something would "fall into her lap."

She was at a Wednesday night church service and a piece of paper fluttered through the air and landed on her lap. On it was information for a house to rent.

"I loved that place," she says. "It had knotty pine ceilings — I was there for four years until the rent went up and I couldn't stay there."

She lived with her mother for a while, but that was difficult. When her mother tried to kill herself with an overdose of pills, she was involuntarily institutionalized for six months and lost her apartment.

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>
> **Lisa Leeper**
> working to lose up to 250 pounds.

"So, I was homeless again, and the shelter wouldn't take me, so I slept in my car for two months," she says.

A friend took her in, but had her move out after a while. Then she found a church that let her sleep there. Eventually, she wound up in the hospital because of her hip until she came to Avante, the only facility that would take her.

Through it all, her weight steadily climbed.

Leeper says she tried to hide her stress and her worry, her feelings of being unloved and rejected, with eating. By the time she reached 400 pounds and the doctors told her she couldn't have hip surgery until she lost at least 150 pounds, she knew she needed to make some changes, and that it would take all the determination she had.

She says the only food she has is the food that Avante serves to everyone, so she has taught herself to say no to the desserts and to watch her portions.

"At first, people would sneak me things to eat, but I realized I was only hurting myself," she says. "Losing the first 100 pounds felt great. I started getting my self-esteem and confidence back. I haven't weighed under 300 pounds in 10 years."

Exercise is a challenge, but she does what she can. She walks with assistance and can do some exercises from her chair.

She says she has a picture in her head of what she wants to look like.

"I always picture myself weighing 200," she says. "I dream about wearing a nice slim outfit, a wrap-around dress with a V-neck, maybe purple or green. I dream about having a fireplace and a house, sitting there cozy with a hubby and a family."

Since arriving at Avante, Leeper has served on the resident council. She facilitates a craft group and makes jewelry to sell to raise funds for resident outings. She talks to people, encourages them, tries to get them to see the good in their situation.

"She helps new people — she mothers people," Bass says. "We love Lisa. She's really an inspiration to everyone here."

Some days, Leeper feels discouraged. Losing 200 or 250 pounds is a daunting task, so she sets small goals — 5 pounds this week, 10 pounds this month.

And then there's her future hubby. That's what keeps her motivated and moving forward, 1 pound at a time. It's what she wants more than anything.

"I told my mom that God's going to give me a guy who's gentle and who will treat me like a queen," she says. "She says he doesn't exist, but she's wrong."

Chronicle reporter Nancy Kennedy can be reached at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com or 352-564-2927.

WATERING FINES

- Effective Jan. 1, 2012, Citrus County stopped issuing warnings for first offenders of local watering rules.
- The county is issuing citations that carry with them a fine of $100. Second violations cost $250, third or more cost $500.
- Find watering rules in the weather map on Page A4 daily.

COMMISSIONER

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infrastructure projects.

"The biggest issue that we must face is diversifying our economy," Meek said. "We're going to make sure that we have investment in those diversified markets."

Partnership with cities

The BOCC will work with the cities of Inverness and Crystal River to develop partnerships to improve the county and the cities and strengthen those relationships.

"I have met with all the city council members from Crystal River and Inverness, telling them we are going to be looking for ways to partner with you all," Meeks said.

Long-range plan

In a comprehensive project including both cities, individuals, civic groups, businesses and professional organizations, such areas as tourism, economic development, land use planning, development standards, transportation planning and branding of the county are to be reviewed, similar to Pasco County's strategic plan that changed and improved growth.

"We are going to look at some other communities and learn about the process that they went through," Meek said. "We can look at our comprehensive plan and tie it in with economic development and transportation planning."

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> **Joe Meek**
> commission chairman.

King's Bay

The BOCC will work with the city of Crystal River, state government, private individuals and businesses to fund and execute a single project to improve the quality of the Crystal River and King's Bay. It also could serve as a catalyst for a master plan to address septic pollution and water runoff issues.

"We allocated $225,000 from our water quality reserve account to the 'One Rake at a Time' project," Meek said.

"We got unanimous approval from the city council to enter into a memorandum of understanding.

"We're going to take that MOU to (the Southwest Florida Water Management District) to apply for an out-of-cycle grant, which will be a matching fund of $225,000 to fund Lyngbya and sediment removal out of the bay. That project is moving forward right now."

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JANUARY 3, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 12PM ✯ AUCTION 3PM
WALK ABOUT AUCTION - While the hall is being prepared with the Antique Auction, we set up outside and in with rows of treasures from small to large.

JANUARY 6, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 10AM ✯ AUCTION 1PM
ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION - Incredibly diverse collection of Furniture, Estate Jewelry, Hitchcock Dining Set, selection of primitives, coins, Lg cased Ships models, Carpets, Sterling, art, china, crystal, HUGE VARIETY OF QUALITY ITEMS check website as we get closer to the sale.

JANUARY 10, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 12PM ✯ AUCTION 3PM
ESTATE ADVENTURE AUCTION - Session #1 outside w/rows of fun & outside furnishings, Session #2 (approx 6pm) inside ~ Always a great variety of items from several estates, ranging from Furniture, household, tools, new items & collectibles.

JANUARY 15, 2013 ✯ AUCTION 10AM
STORAGE UNIT AUCTION - Inverness Mini Storage-1925 W. Main St, Inverness, FL 34452. Lien Auction of Several Units. Storage unit lien sale. Locks will be cut starting at 10am & 5 mins before each unit sells. Who knows what will be in there?!

JANUARY 17, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 12PM ✯ AUCTION 3PM
ESTATE ADVENTURE AUCTION - Session #1 outside w/rows of fun & outside furnishings, Session #2 (approx 6pm) inside ~ Always a great variety of items from several estates, ranging from furniture, household, tools, new items & collectibles.

JANUARY 19, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 9AM ✯ AUCTION 11AM
LIVE & ONLINE SPORTS & AUTOGRAPHS AUCTION - "THE STALKER'S" Sports Memorabilia & signed celebrity items. Features everything from mini helmets, posters, books, jerseys, bats & balls to loads of autographed photos, records, and pictures. We will be cleaning out the remainder of Rick "The Stalker" Suarez items and have added items from a few other estates. This will be a fun auction with items from sports greats from baseball, golf to football to entertainers. We have been saving some of the best pieces for this sale (Jimi Hendrix Experience signed album!) as well as additional "stock lot boxes" sold to the auction attendees in the audience only

JANUARY 24, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 12PM ✯ AUCTION 3PM
ESTATE ADVENTURE AUCTION - Session #1 outside w/rows of fun & outside furnishings, Session #2 (approx 6pm) inside ~ Always a great variety of items from several estates, ranging from Furniture, household, tools, new items & collectibles.

JANUARY 25, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 4PM ✯ AUCTION 6PM
LIVE & ONLINE COIN AUCTION - GREAT INVESTMENT Opportunity COINS-GOLD & MORE Featuring Estate Coins from gold to large groupings of Morgan & Peace Silver dollars (including key dates). There will be close to a dozen gold pieces including PCGS70 graded gold coins, Silver dimes, quarters & half dollars, Foreign, commemoratives, Proof & Mint sets. Some uncirculated & many graded. Over 200 lots. Additional consignments arriving. Quality consignments of silver & gold coins now being accepted for this important sale. Please call Rob or Robert at 637-9588 to discuss details

JANUARY 26, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 9AM ✯ AUCTION 10AM
COMPLETE ANTIQUE STORE LIQUIDATION - Florida Porch Antiques-700 block Main St., Leesburg. After 35 years in the trade, Rex Masterman has decided to retire. Contents of this quality Store (in its present location for the past three years) plus the contents of his Renningers Antique Market permanent booth, stored items from the warehouse and quality furnishings from his personal home will be offered at this auction. Location site is the old JC Penny building next door to his historic Downtown Leesburg location. This will be a complete liquidation to include fine antique furniture, crystal, china, art, decor and more, as well as brass showcases, display items and select contemporary furniture. Rex was the founder of the annual Victorian show in Dallas Texas. The sale will include historic Lake County memorabilia. More details and photos will emerge as auction time near. Check out limited pics we have on website now.

JANUARY 28, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 9AM ✯ AUCTION 10AM
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JANUARY 31, 2013 ✯ PREVIEW 12PM ✯ AUCTION 3PM
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Obituaries

Evelyn Arnett, 90
CLERMONT

Evelyn Arnett, 90, of Clermont, Fla., passed away Dec. 30, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Memphis, Tenn.

Marguerite Barry, 86
BEVERLY HILLS

Marguerite Ann Barry, 86, of Beverly Hills, Fla., passed away Dec. 27, 2012. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Donald Brownlee, 86
INVERNESS

Donald N Brownlee, 86, of Inverness, Fla., passed away Dec. 25, 2012 at Hospice of Citrus County in Lecanto. Arrangements by McGan Cremation Service LLC, Hernando.

Joaquin Cardona, 96
LECANTO

Joaquin Cardona (1916-2012) was a resident of Brentwood Nursing Community in Lecanto. Born in Santiago de Cuba, July 1916, he became a citizen of the USA in 1969, and was proud to be an American. Joaquin travelled the world as a merchant marine, passing a test to work in the engine room, studying from a book and not knowing the English language. He also worked for United Airlines; he was an entrepreneur, founding three businesses in his lifetime. Later in life he drove a taxi in Dade County and at age 85 worked as a supply manager of an insurance company. Joaquin, a generous man, loved the ladies and loved to dance. He found Jesus and soon thereafter became a Deacon at Northside Spanish Baptist Church, Dade County, where he also ministered as church bus driver, church treasurer and member of the church choir for many years.

Joaquin Cardona

Joaquin died peacefully due to complications of pneumonia Dec. 29, 2012 at 7:35 p.m., with his daughter and granddaughter Alma, at his bedside. Joaquin is survived by his daughter, Alma, of Homosassa; son, Jimmy, of Kissimmee, granddaughters, Alma, Adria, Teresa, of Citrus County, Tanya of Homestead; grandson, Reynold, Los Angeles, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; also a niece and a number of nephews in South Florida. He was preceded in death by his mother, wife and two younger sisters. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 05, 2012 at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Robert Davis, 84
INVERNESS

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Robert F. Davis, age 84, of Inverness, Florida, will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes with Pastor Gordon Condit officiating. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until the time of service, Wednesday at the chapel. In lieu of flowers donations to Hospice of Citrus County or The Path of Citrus County would be appreciated.

Robert Davis

On December 30, 2012 Bob lost his battle with lung cancer. Born May 18, 1928, he was the son of Felix and Astrid (Nelson) Davis in Lynn, MA. Bob graduated Lynn English H.S., promptly enlisted in the Army at the age of 17 and was sent off to Japan to serve. Returning home he earned his BA from Upsala College, East Orange, NJ where forever after he gladly announced their football games and became an avid alumnus. Bob "sang his way" through Upsala as a member of their renowned choir, as well as of their other singing groups. Hired by Dunhill Personnel in NYC as a recruiter and the 4th person onboard, he then embarked on a lifelong career with them as VP of Franchising, taking them in 26 years from that original office to 375 offices. Twenty two years ago Bob headed south with his new wife, Jackie, to settle in Citrus County. Deciding that this next phase of his life would be as a Realtor he got his license before leaving NY and 2 years later, convinced Jackie to do the same. He enjoyed a flourishing career with ERA American in Inverness. Bob's passions have included golf, the Red Sox, many other sports, following drum and bugle corps, cruising to play Black Jack and again, the Red Sox. His interests and attention have included the Central Florida Symphony of past, CFCC's Performing Arts Program, mentoring 4th grade math, serving several times each on two HOA boards, and in whatever capacity the Realtors Assoc. of Citrus County needed him.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Weinstein), his sons Todd Davis (Michelle), Keith Davis (Kathy), step daughter Juliet Smith and step son Evan Smith (Jennifer). His pride in his children, 4 grandchildren and 4 step grandchildren abounded. His sister Dorthea (DiLisio) predeceased him.

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- Phone 352-563-5660.

William 'Bill' Denny, 82
HERNANDO

William "Bill" Earl Denny, 82, Hernando, died Dec. 29, 2012 at Citrus Memorial Hospital. Bill was born April 1, 1930 in Shelton, Conn., to the late Earl and Ethel (Bourne) Denny. He served our country proudly in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. A loving family man, he enjoyed his children and grandchildren. He liked being on the water and was a "tinkerer," building and fixing things in his home. He married Marion Bozcan in 1954 and for their 50th wedding anniversary, they enjoyed a vacation with their family at the Outer Banks; a beautiful memory for all of them. Bill was a veteran firefighter for the Old Saybrook, Conn., Volunteer Fire Department. He spent his working career as an engineering supervisor for Electric Boat Company, a division of General Dynamics, manufacturing submarines with more than 30 years of service.

William Denny

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Marion; sons, William Denny Jr. (Nancy), Moodus, Conn., Matthew F. Denny (Sheree), Cary, N.C.; daughters, Amanda Denny Tuthill (Michael) Middlefield, Conn., Sharon LaCroix (Paul) Wheaton, Ill., Abigail Ciaglo (Matthew) Colchester, Conn.; sister, Shirley Wells, Massachusetts; 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2013 at St. Scholastica Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with military honors. The family will receive friends in visitation at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his memory to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

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Thomas Finn, 68
OCALA

Thomas Finn, 68, of Ocala, Fla., passed away Dec. 28, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in St. Paul, Minn.

William De La Cruz, 88
HERNANDO

William De La Cruz, 88, of Hernando, Fla., passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 at Hospice House in Lecanto. A native of Denver, Colo., he was born Sept. 19, 1924 to Juan and Cleotilda (Martinez) De La Cruz, one of nine children. He was raised in Cheyenne, Wyo., and his family then moved to California. Mr. De La Cruz was a quality assurance analyst in the aerospace industry, most recently with Rockwell International, a position from which he retired. He also held positions with Hughes Aircraft and Ford Aerospace during his career and also served his country for more than 20 years in the U.S. Navy. Bill, as he was known by many, moved to Citrus County in 1979 from Ferrisburg, Vt., and was a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Beverly Hills.

William De La Cruz

He is survived by his wife of nearly 38 years, Barbara A. (Gumm) De La Cruz, Hernando; seven children, Judith Ann Williams (David), Rio Rancho, N.M.; Katherine Mary Kincer (Larry), Marietta, Ga.; Rich De La Cruz (Becky), Silver Lake, Wis.; Lawrence Bennett (Susan), Miami; William Francis De La Cruz (Lora), Boulder, Colo.; Kathy Ann Williams (Kenneth), Mission Vallejo, Calif., and Howard William Bennett (Emma), Miami; siblings, Stella Daggy and Joe and John De La Cruz, all of California; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by a daughter, Lee Ann De La Cruz, in 1971 and siblings, Frank, Salvatore, Jimmy, Beatrice and Diana as well as a grandson, Robert.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan, 3, 2013 from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Beverly Hills. Interment will follow at Fero Memorial Gardens with military honors rendered by the U.S. Navy. Friends will be received Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Fero Funeral Home, Beverly Hills. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464, www.ferofuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES
- Deadline is 3 p.m. for obituaries to appear in the next day's edition.

Tammy Eskridge, 40
HERNANDO

Tammy Eskridge, 40, of Hernando, Fla., died Dec. 15, 2012 at her home. A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 at Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness.

Lyle Gamroth, 59
INVERNESS

Lyle Gamroth, 59, of Inverness, Fla., passed away Dec. 29, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto.

Lucy Iafe, 93
INVERNESS

Lucy Genevieve Iafe, 93, of Inverness, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012 in Inverness. Services for Mrs. Iafe will be in New York at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

Daniel Kuhfahl, 48
PITTSBORO, N.C.

Daniel E. Kuhfahl, 48, of Pittsboro, N.C., died Dec. 28, 2012. He was born Dec. 23, 1964 in Tampa, Fla., the son of Edward and Elaine Kuhfahl. Danny was a U.S. Navy veteran serving from 1983 to 1988. He was a technician for Citrus Pest Management in Crystal River before moving to Pittsboro, N.C., in 2010. As an organ donor, Daniel was giving in death as in life.

Survivors include his daughter, Amber Kuhfahl of Crystal River and his mother, Elaine Kuhfahl of Pittsboro, N.C.

A memorial service for Daniel will be 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2012 at the Heinz Funeral Home in Inverness. The Reverend Alan Jefferson will preside. Interment will follow with military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Wilma Newton, 96
MT. DORA

Wilma Newton, 96, of Mt. Dora, Fla., died Dec. 29, 2012. Local arrangements are under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Crematory in Lecanto, with services taking place at a later date in Flint, Mich.

Sandra Lux, 72
INVERNESS

Sandra Ann Lux, age 72 of Inverness, Florida, died Saturday, December 29, 2012 in Lecanto, FL. She was born June 24, 1940 in Scranton, PA, daughter of William and Mary (Barron) Roman. She worked as a School Bus Driver. Her hobbies included Stained Glass making, collecting Angels, knitting and crocheting, participating in league bowling and just hanging out with friends.

Mrs. Lux was preceded in death by her parents and is survived by her husband, George Lux of Inverness, FL, son, Brian Lux of Alloway, NJ, brother, Joseph Roman of CA, 3 grandchildren, Logan, Kylee and Matthew.

Friends who wish may send memorial donations to Hospice of Citrus County P.O. Box 641270 Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com. Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

David Mester, 56
LECANTO

David Allen Mester, 56, of Lecanto, passed away Dec. 29, 2012 at Hospice House in Lecanto. A native of Rochester, Pa., he was born May 30, 1956 to Louis J. and Grace I. (Bragg) Mester, one of three children. Mr. Mester was a steelworker in his native Pennsylvania before moving to Citrus County in 1985. He was most recently employed as a dispatcher with Cemex, Inc.

David Mester

David is survived by his wife of 26 years, Priscilla Mester of Homosassa; sons, David Mester Jr., Monaca, Pa.; Cory Mester, Lecanto; daughter, Anne Marie Wingrove (Tom), Freedom, Pa.; son, Wesley South, Beverly Hills; daughter, Jennifer Winburn, Homosassa; sister, Sarah Smith, Middleburg, W.Va.; grandchildren, Alexia, Brian, Tommy, Kylee, Jimmy, Stephen, Stephanie and Ryan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandchild, Austin South and a brother, Robert. www.wilderfuneral.com.

Rodney Schafer, 60

Rodney C. Schafer, 60, died Dec. 27, 2012.

Arrangements by Downing Funeral Home, Spring Hill, Fla.

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Elmetta 'June' Thomason, 94
INVERNESS

Elmetta "June" Thomason, 94, of Inverness, Fla., died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at Hospice of Citrus County in Lecanto. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness.

Roger Yates, 50
BROOKSVILLE

Roger Yates, 50, of Brooksville, Fla., passed away Dec. 30, 2012. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home & Cematory in Lecanto.

Death
ELSEWHERE

Ben Overton, 86
FORMER FLA. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

TALLAHASSEE — Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Ben F. Overton, the first justice appointed by the governor after the switch in the 1970s from elected justices, has died from complications of heart surgery, a spokesman for the court said.

Overton, who retired in 1999, was 86.

On the court for more than two decades, his legacy includes letting cameras into Florida courtrooms.

Overton, who died Saturday in Gainesville, was appointed in March of 1974 by Gov. Reubin Askew, authored more than 1400 decisions and was chief justice from 1976 to 1978.

"Justice Overton was one of the most influential members of the Court after the sweeping reforms of the 1970s," said Chief Justice Ricky Polston. "He will be remembered not only for his far-seeing opinions but also for his efforts in the 1970s to make the state courts more accessible by allowing cameras into our courtrooms."

After several justices who had been elected and had to raise campaign cash were charged with ethics violations in the early and mid-1970s, Askew overhauled the system, creating the merit retention system in which the governor appoints justices based on a list from a nominating committee. Overton was Askew's first appointment to the revamped court.

Justices still faced contested re-elections after appointment until Florida voters further amended the constitution in 1976 to create the current merit retention system. Overton was an advocate for that system, under which justices' names go on the ballot at the end of their term for voters to decide whether to retain them, rather than have them running against opponents. It is still in place.

In addition to making Florida one of the first states to allow television of court cases, he also pushed for the court's creation of a website, one of the first state high courts to do so. He also pushed for the televised recording of every Supreme Court oral argument.

—From wire reports

Walking the dogs

Associated Press

Sheila Tabone, left, has her dogs dressed as impostor "wiener dogs" Monday while participating in the Key West Dachshund Walk Monday. The event is an annual New Year's Eve tradition that this year attracted almost 200 of the short-legged, long-bodied canines, as well as about 30 "impostor" dogs.

Mexican tomatoes, strawberries have Florida growers concerned

Associated Press

WINTER GARDEN — Florida's tomato and strawberry growers said they're fighting to keep up with a rising tide of cheaper produce imports from Mexico.

Mexican strawberry imports jumped 142 percent from 2008 to 2011, according to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In the first three quarters of this year, they soared 50 percent compared to the same period in 2011.

Mexican imports will likely rise less steeply in the fourth quarter because farmers in both countries faced many of the same unfavorable growing conditions, said Ted Campbell, executive director of the Florida Strawberry Growers Association in Dover, the industry's trade group.

But that doesn't mean the Mexican market threat has subsided, Campbell told *The Ledger.*

"They're not going away. They're going to continue to grow," Campbell said. "You can't ignore what's going on."

Mexican tomato imports also have risen significantly, up 43.7 percent from 2008 through 2011 and another 5.6 percent in the first three quarters of 2012 compared with 2011, USDA figures show.

Those numbers reflect Mexican imports of round tomatoes grown in open fields and in "hothouses," or covered areas such as a greenhouse. Those varieties most directly compete with Florida round tomatoes, the dominant variety grown here.

Mexican hothouse tomatoes, which account for about 75 percent of total imports, pose the bigger threat, federal data shows. They've risen 74 percent from 2008 through 2011.

"In the last five to six years, Mexico has converted from a field culture to a hothouse culture," said John VanSickle, an agricultural economist at the University of Florida in Gainesville who specializes in international trade issues, including tomatoes and strawberries.

That trend will continue, he said. Among the factors fueling the transition are better prices and lower production costs, including pesticides, which appeals to U.S. consumers concerned about chemical residues on produce.

Guy Lombardo's legacy kept alive

Relatives have bandleader's memorabilia

MARY WOZNIAK
The News-Press

FORT MYERS — The history of New Year's Eve resides in southwest Florida, where descendants of the late, great bandleader Guy Lombardo try to keep his legacy alive with a treasure trove of memories and memorabilia.

Two nieces and a nephew of Lombardo proudly display historical items from Lombardo's heyday in their homes in Fort Myers and Sanibel, but much more languishes in two storage units in south Fort Myers. The relatives have offered the overflow to three colleges, but there have been no takers. They would like to see the memorabilia on loan to a place that would archive and display it to the public.

"Nobody wants it," said niece Gina Lombardo, 52, of Fort Myers.

Before there was Dick Clark's "New Year's Rockin' Eve," there was Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians.

The orchestra brought in the New Year for millions nationally and internationally for nearly half a century, from the 1929 stock market crash that signaled the start of the Great Depression to America's 1976 bicentennial. They became an institution, synonymous with the ball drop in Times Square. The popularity of their live performances, first on radio and later on TV, earned Lombardo the nickname "Mr. New Year's Eve."

The band was a partnership between four brothers, Guy, Carmen, Victor and Lebert Lombardo. Carmen was the songwriter, penning many of their hits. He also created the orchestra arrangements and sang. Lebert played trumpet.

The New Year's Eve tradition was stopped only by the death of Guy Lombardo in 1977 at 75. The legacy of the band, its memorabilia and rights to the orchestra, passed from brother to brother, ending with the death of Lebert in Sanibel in 1993.

Now they belong to Lebert's children: Elizabeth, 57; Carmen, 50; and Gina. None of the children are involved in the music business.

The items displayed in their homes include photographs, record albums, sheet music, awards, and even the band's framed first paycheck from 1918, for $35.70.

Even more items have sat in storage for about 40 years, first placed there by Lebert, Gina said. They include at least 100 envelopes stuffed with original band orchestrations hand-written by Carmen; at least 40 boxes of reels of 35 mm tapes, plus many loose, large reels of 16mm tapes of the band's 1950s TV show.

The siblings offered it to the Berklee College of Music in Boston and two other colleges but were told there wasn't room, she said. So Gina, her son, James, and Liz make a pilgrimage to the storage units on Sundays, putting the deteriorating tapes, smelling of vinegar, in archival envelopes and reboxing them. They don't know what to do with the orchestrations, many of them yellowing.

Anyone younger than the baby boomer generation probably has no knowledge of Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians. But those aged 50-plus remember the crooning singers and big band orchestrations that became known as "the sweetest music this side of heaven."

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Al-Qaida carves out own country in Mali

Associated Press

MOPTI, Mali — Deep inside caves, in remote desert bases, in the escarpments and cliff faces of northern Mali, Islamic fighters are burrowing into the earth, erecting a formidable set of defenses to protect what has essentially become al-Qaida's new country.

They have used the bulldozers, earth movers and Caterpillar machines left behind by fleeing construction crews to dig what residents and local officials describe as an elaborate network of tunnels, trenches, shafts and ramparts. In just one case, inside a cave large enough to drive trucks into, they have stored up to 100 drums of gasoline, guaranteeing their fuel supply in the face of a foreign intervention, according to experts.

Northern Mali is now the biggest territory held by al-Qaida and its allies. And as the world hesitates, delaying a military intervention, the extremists who seized control of the area earlier this year are preparing for a war they boast will be worse than the decade-old struggle in Afghanistan.

"Al-Qaida never owned Afghanistan," said former United Nations diplomat Robert Fowler, a Canadian kidnapped and held for 130 days by al-Qaida's local chapter, whose fighters now control the main cities in the north. "They do own northern Mali."

Al-Qaida's affiliate in Africa has been a shadowy presence for years in the forests and deserts of Mali, a country hobbled by poverty and a relentless cycle of hunger. In recent months, the terror syndicate and its allies have taken advantage of political instability within the country to push out of their hiding place and into the towns, taking over an enormous territory which they are using to stock arms, train forces and prepare for global jihad.

The catalyst for the Islamic fighters was a military coup nine months ago that transformed Mali from a once-stable nation to the failed state it is today. On March 21, disgruntled soldiers invaded the presidential palace. The fall of the nation's democratically elected government at the hands of junior officers destroyed the military's command-and-control structure, creating the vacuum which allowed a mix of rebel groups to move in.

With no clear instructions from their higher-ups, the humiliated soldiers left to defend those towns tore off their uniforms, piled into trucks and beat a retreat as far as Mopti, roughly in the center of Mali. They abandoned everything north of this town to the advancing rebels, handing them an area that stretches over more than 240,000 square miles. It's a territory larger than Texas or France — and it's almost exactly the size of Afghanistan.

Turbaned fighters now control all the major towns in the north, carrying out amputations in public squares like the Taliban did. Just as in Afghanistan, they are flogging women for not covering up. Since taking control of Timbuktu, they have destroyed seven of the 16 mausoleums listed as world heritage sites.

The area under their rule is mostly desert and sparsely populated, but analysts say that due to its size and the hostile nature of the terrain, rooting out the extremists here could prove even more difficult than it did in Afghanistan. Mali's former president has acknowledged, diplomatic cables show, that the country cannot patrol a frontier twice the length of the border between the United States and Mexico.

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, known as AQIM, operates not just in Mali, but in a corridor along much of the northern Sahel. This 4,300-mile-long ribbon of land runs across the widest part of Africa, and includes sections of Mauritania, Niger, Algeria, Libya, Burkina Faso and Chad.

"One could come up with a conceivable containment strategy for the Swat Valley," said Africa expert Peter Pham, an adviser to the U.S. military's African command center, referring to the region of Pakistan where the Pakistan Taliban have been based. "There's no containment strategy for the Sahel, which runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea."

Earlier this year, the 15 nations in West Africa, including Mali, agreed on a proposal for the military to take back the north, and sought backing from the United Nations. Earlier this month, the Security Council authorized the intervention but imposed certain conditions, including training Mali's military, which is accused of serious human rights abuses since the coup. Diplomats say the intervention will likely not happen before September 2013.

In the meantime, the Islamists are getting ready, according to elected officials and residents in Kidal, Timbuktu and Gao, including a day laborer hired by al-Qaida's local chapter to clear rocks and debris for one of their defenses. They spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear for their safety at the hands of the Islamists, who have previously accused those who speak to reporters of espionage.

The al-Qaida affiliate, which became part of the terror network in 2006, is one of three Islamist groups in northern Mali. The others are the Movement for the Unity and Jihad in West Africa, or MUJAO, based in Gao, and Ansar Dine, based in Kidal. Analysts agree that there is considerable overlap between the groups, and that all three can be considered sympathizers, even extensions, of al-Qaida.

The Islamic fighters have stolen equipment from construction companies, including more than $11 million worth from a French company called SOGEA-SATOM, according to Elie Arama, who works with the European Development Fund. The company had been contracted to build a European Union-financed highway in the north between Timbuktu and the village of Goma Coura. An employee of SOGEA-SATOM in Bamako declined to comment.

The official from Kidal said his constituents have reported seeing Islamic fighters with construction equipment riding in convoys behind 4-by-4 trucks draped with their signature black flag. His contacts among the fighters, including friends from secondary school, have told him they have created two bases, around 120 and 180 miles north of Kidal, in the austere, rocky desert.

The first base is occupied by al-Qaida's local fighters in the hills of Tegheragharte, a region the official compared to Afghanistan's Tora Bora.

"The Islamists have dug tunnels, made roads, they've brought in generators, and solar panels in order to have electricity," he said. "They live inside the rocks."

Still further north, near Boghassa, is the second base, created by fighters from Ansar Dine. They too have used seized explosives, bulldozers and sledgehammers to make passages in the hills, he said.

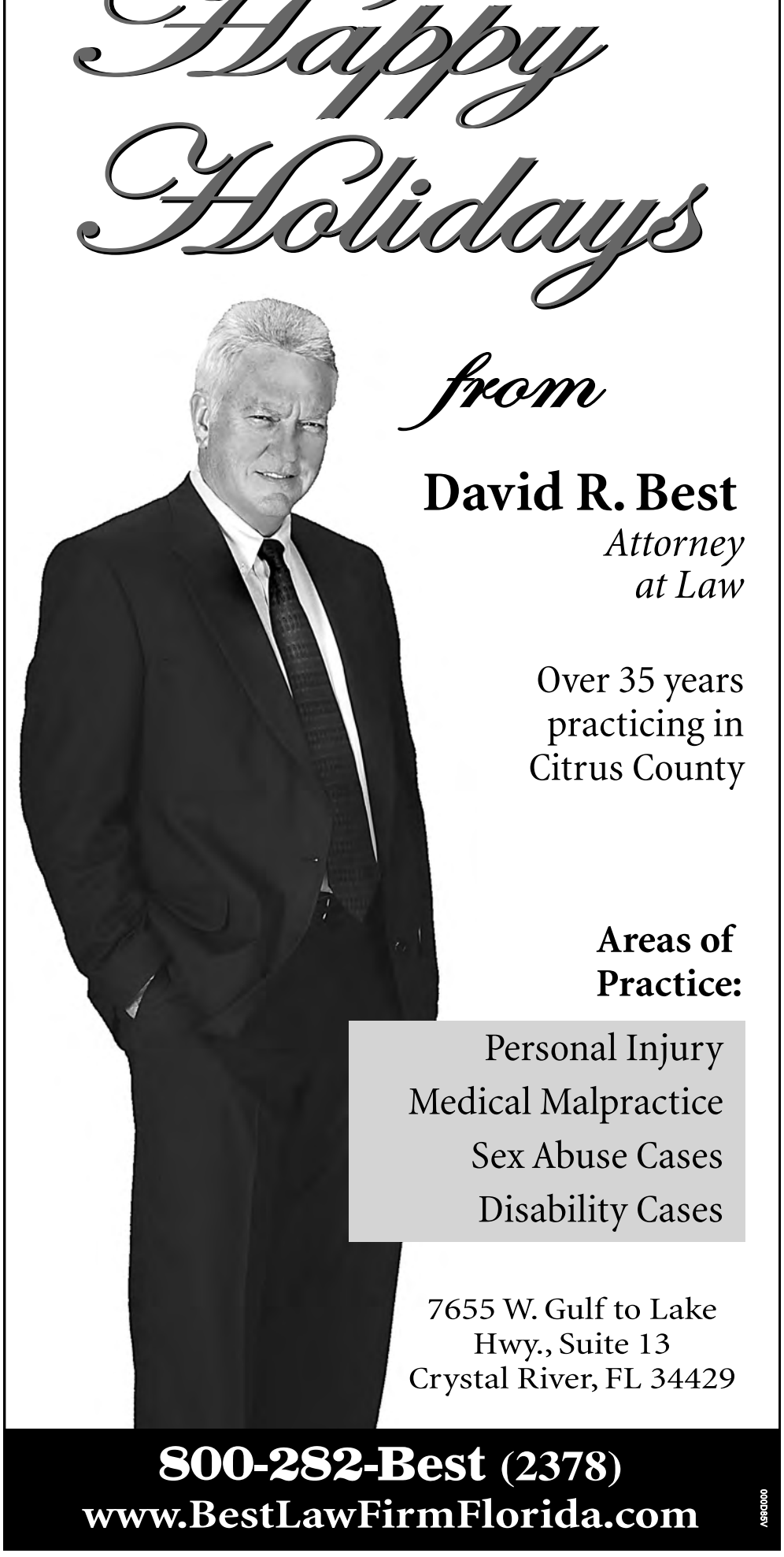
In addition to creating defenses, the fighters are amassing supplies, experts said. A local who was taken by Islamists into a cave in the region of Kidal described an enormous room, where several cars were parked. Along the walls, he counted up to 100 barrels of gasoline, according to the man's testimony to New York-based Human Rights Watch.

In Timbuktu, the fighters are becoming more entrenched with each passing day, warned Mayor Ousmane Halle. Earlier in the year, he said, the Islamists left his city in a hurry after France called for an imminent military intervention. They returned when the U.N. released a report arguing for a more cautious approach.

Associated Press

Fighters from Islamist group Ansar Dine stand guard Aug. 31 in Timbuktu, Mali, as they prepare to publicly lash a member of the Islamic Police found guilty of adultery. In recent months, al-Qaida and its allies have taken advantage of political instability within Mali to push out of their hiding place and into the towns, taking over an enormous territory which they are using to stock arms, train forces and prepare for global jihad.

Lalla Arby, 22, who was beaten by Islamist group Ansar Dine for sitting outside her home in Timbuktu with her head uncovered, poses Oct. 10 for a picture in a headscarf in Bamako, Mali, where she now lives with relatives.



OPINION

"Back of every noble life there are principles that have fashioned it."

George Horace Lorimer, 1867-1937

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15 resolutions for the New Year

Jack Levine
GUEST COLUMN

As we launch into the New Year, please reflect with me on who we are and where we hope to go in the 12 months ahead.

The year 2012 presented great challenges and new responsibilities. Life is about transitions, and as an incurable optimist, I believe the year ahead will open new doors and present valuable opportunities for all of us.

Traditionally, New Year's resolutions are about making a commitment to do something different in our lives, perhaps going in a new direction from that of the past.

In 2013, I resolve:

■ To appreciate my family, friends, and colleagues for who they are, what they mean to me, and to gracefully overlook some things they do (or don't do!). None of us is perfect and accepting that reality helps relationships flourish.

■ To act upon wrongs that need righting, crass statements that require correction, and offenses that demand just responses. We set a positive example by not accepting negativity in others.

■ To be a valuable teammate and to trust others to do their best. Each of us should know what position we play, and regularly practice our skills to be our personal best.

■ To actively listen to the voices of children and elders. Valuing the wisdom of innocence and experience is both free and priceless.

■ To accept that I don't know everything. By collaborating with others who know much more, together we can create a great brain trust and blend expertise to make progress.

To pleasantly surprise someone every day with a genuine smile and unexpected kindness in word and deed. Life's subtle gifts of compassion and concern are cherished.

■ To respect and celebrate the diversity of faiths, feelings, and fashions. Differences are natural and honoring each others' perspectives creates mutual admiration.

■ To exercise artistic expression for its intrinsic value. The vitality of the instrumental, literary, dance, visual or vocal arts fuels the soul and expands the mind to new possibilities.

■ To invest a thoughtful minute before I speak or act. Regret is often preventable. Reversing harm is one of life's most vexing challenges.

■ To honor those who courageously sacrifice for us at home and abroad, care for our health, educate, protect our freedoms and perform the healing and helping arts so that our quality of life is improved.

■ To share even if I think I don't have enough. Setting an example by giving to others in need is one of the best lessons for children to observe.

■ To protect, defend and advocate for people who rely on me. Give special attention to the needs of others of every stage of life who may not know how to find their own voice.

■ To preserve natural environments for their beauty and bounty. Natural settings are home to plantlife and species which are too often victims of our wants, not our needs.

■ To never give up on a person or a cause, despite the challenges we face. Perseverance is an attitude that exemplifies leadership, attracts allies, and creates meaningful change.

■ To speak truth to power, but to be both polite and persistent. There's a fine line between persistence and pestilence. Resist aggressiveness, but advocate with assertion, confidence and commitment to the cause. Advocating for prevention policies and programs that keep bad things from happening is the most important of all investments.

My service as the advocates' advocate is a role I cherish. I feel so fortunate to have the friendships and allies I've nurtured over the years.

As I build the 4Generations Institute initiative to promote intergenerational communication, community leadership, policy/program advocacy and volunteer commitments, I am awed by the power of relationships. Just as in families, the health of a community is in the depth and breadth of relationships among those who share common interests and provide mutual support.

In the year ahead I plan to communicate Institute's message to influence the public policy debate on behalf of every age and stage of life. While there's strength in our diversities, there's power in our unity!

Jack Levine is the founder of 4Generations Institute in Tallahassee. Email him at jack@4gen.org.

Hot Corner: THANKS

Thanks for chipping in

I would just like to personally thank the lady in the white Ford Fusion that paid for my doughnuts from Dunkin' Donuts this morning, Dec. 20. She made my day and I just want to say thank you to her and God bless her and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you.

Help with iPhone

I just wanted to thank a very special wildlife park ranger for turning in my iPhone while I was at the park enjoying a wonderful show Thursday night (Dec. 20) and got careless.

I just wanted to thank him so very much and wish him a very Merry Christmas.

Taxing response

Duke Energy was required to install equipment to clean the acid rain from their exhausts. They don't earn money from this equipment, so how can you tax them for it? Where are the brains of the tax appraiser to want taxes on this equipment when they were required to install the equipment by law? Now if they tax this equipment, who pays? Of course, the user on the electric bills. So a tax on this equipment only throws the cost off to the taxpayers.

Youths' respect

I agree with the person who called in to complain about nobody standing when our flag passes at a parade. Young people today have no respect for our flag or the freedom it represents. Maybe we should ship them to a country like Iraq where people don't have this freedom and then see how they feel about America.

WELCOME TO 2013

Community goals for the New Year

THE ISSUE:
Hopes riding on 2013.

OUR OPINION:
Opportunities abound.

Make Progress/Duke a partner

The breakdown in the relationship between Citrus County and Progress Energy/Duke is major game-changer for the community. The power company — the county's largest private employer and taxpayer — has always been a strong partner.

The company's dispute over paying its property tax bill to Citrus County is the sign of a larger breakdown that must be resolved by county officials. We urge our local leaders to stay out of court and find a negotiated settlement with Progress. We further urge our local leaders to do everything they can to convince power company executives that Citrus County is still an appropriate place for economic expansion. We need the nuclear plant north of Crystal River refurbished and we want future power plant expansion here. We need the jobs, we need the taxes and we need a good working partnership with the largest power utility in America.

Keep focus on cleanup

Crystal River Rotarian Art Jones launched his "One Rake at a Time" project last year and got residents, businesses and politicians enthused about protecting the environment.

Jones grew tired of listening to people pontificate about cleaning up King's Bay and decided to do something about it. He coordinated volunteers from all walks of life to climb into the bay and start raking out tons of weeds that were choking off the springs that feed the bay and river.

The real beauty of his effort is that people can see that they can make a difference in protecting our environment. Hundreds of tons of weeds have been pulled out of the bay, but more important is that Jones has created some synergy with state and local governments that want to get involved in the positive effort.

In 2013 the momentum needs to be carried forward. Weeds need to be pulled from the bay. Sewer systems need to be expanded to stop the pollution from septic tanks. Storm water runoff needs to be diverted from highways. Appropriate fertilizer techniques need to be used to avoid pollution.

Art Jones helped empower the community to get something done. Let's do it.

Government needs to spend less

Our local, state and federal governments all need to spend fewer tax dollars. That means that we as citizens need to expect fewer services from our government. You cannot have one without the other.

On the local level it makes sense to have other revenue techniques such as MSBU's available to fund county government, but the bottom line is that we need to spend less during these tough economic times.

Expand the local economy

We need more jobs in Citrus County and we need to branch out into new types of industry and business. Our longtime dependence on home construction, energy and retail helped make the national recession worse for Citrus County than other areas.

We need diversity, and that's why we are supportive of the county's Economic Development Council and county commission's effort to explore the option for a port in northwest Citrus County. The EDC and our county leaders need to get creative in attracting other small businesses and industries that can grow and create jobs. The medical segment is hot because of our aging demographics, but we need to attract other segments so we can limit our economic vulnerability. The tourism segment needs to be expanded and promoted.

County and cities working together

When Joe Meek was installed as the new chairman of the county commission in December, he appropriately pledged to create a new working relationship with our two cities — Inverness and Crystal River.

The relationship between our branches of local government has not been good. Part of that is due to politics and poor listening skills, but little effort has been made to see life from the other government's perspective.

There need to be regular meetings between the governments and joint goal agreements.

Citrus County is unique in that less than 10 percent of our total population lives in the two cities, but much of the commerce and government activity is within the municipal boundaries.

Education and jobs

Citrus County has a very good education system, but there is at least one weakness that needs attention. A certain percentage of our graduates go on to college and professional careers. But more focus needs to be placed on preparing non-college-bound graduates and under-employed adults with new job skills they can use on the local level.

We have the tools in place. The Lecanto branch of the College of Florida and Withlacoochee Technical Institute in Inverness need to launch an expanded effort to work together to strategically train students for jobs that are available in the region. And the two public entities need to be coordinating with local business, the EDC, the chamber and entrepreneurs to better understand what those employment opportunities are.

There are jobs available for skilled workers. The education system needs to work with business to connect the dots.

Sort out the new hospital issue

The leadership of Citrus Memorial hospital has apparently worked out its governance problems, and for that we are appreciative. But there are new health care concerns on the horizon.

Citrus Memorial Health System, a public hospital, now must follow a state requirement that it consider a sale or merger of the institution with a for-profit facility. Gov. Rick Scott is opposed to using local property tax dollars to support community hospitals and the new state rules mandate that every public hospital examine other options.

That exercise is now under way.

It is important that the leaders of our public medical institutions work together to provide the best health care possible for local consumers. The county hospital and the county health department have many redundant services but do a poor job of working together. Taxpayer dollars are used for both and synergies should be fully implemented to improve service and drive down costs.

Make the YMCA happen

The largest capital campaign in the history of Citrus County will take place in 2013 to help build a YMCA for our community.

Citrus County residents and businesses need to step up to the plate and get committed to building a Y. For the last 25 years there have been efforts to get a Y here to help families, children and retirees come together and build community. This is the year to make it happen.

Property has been donated on County Road 486 and financial pledges are now needed to move this important project forward.

State and county work together

While it may not be front-page news, many in Citrus County don't realize that our state and local elected officials don't like each other or work well together.

We are a dysfunctional political family, and the bickering ends up hurting local citizens.

We'd like to see our elected officials all make an attempt to set aside their personal political feuds and get to work for the people.

We have roads that need to be built, schools that need more funding, environmental areas that need more protecting. We have children at risk, seniors in need and way too many unemployed people.

We urge our elected officials to all get over their own egos and get to work.

The dependence on drugs

We don't pretend to have the appropriate strategy to implement, but no set of goals for our county can be published without mentioning the drug problem that exists here.

So many of the problems we have in our county can be tied back to drug and alcohol abuse. Crime, child abuse and neglect, unemployment, the breakdown of the family structure all run hand in hand with substance abuse.

Our nation's war on drugs has been about as unsuccessful as our local war on drugs. While the fight against the criminal dealers and manufacturers of drugs must continue in full force, we need other, more productive strategies to deal with the culture of drug use that is so prevalent in our society.

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Chavez suffers new complications

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez's new complications after cancer surgery prompted his closest allies to call for Venezuelans to pray for him on Monday, presenting an increasingly bleak outlook and prompting growing speculation about whether the ailing leader has much longer to live.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro looked weary and spoke with a solemn expression as he announced in a televised address from Havana on Sunday that Chavez now confronts "new complications" due to a respiratory infection nearly three weeks after his operation. He described Chavez's condition as delicate.

The streets of Caracas were abuzz on Monday with talk of Chavez's increasingly tough fight, while the news topped the front pages of the country's newspapers.

"He's history now," said Cesar Amaro, a street vendor selling newspapers and snacks at a kiosk in downtown Caracas. He motioned to a newspaper showing side-by-side photos of Maduro and National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello, and said politics will now turn to them.

Amaro said he expects a new election soon to replace Chavez. "For an illness like the one the president has, his days are numbered now," he said matter-of-factly.

A government-organized New Year's Eve concert had been planned in a downtown Caracas plaza featuring popular Venezuelan bands, but was canceled due to Chavez's condition.

Associated Press

A woman walks Monday past a mural of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Venezuela.

The president's aides sang and prayed at a televised Mass held at the presidential palace, while Chavez's allies urged Venezuelans to keep their president in their prayers.

Political analyst Ricardo Sucre said the outlook for Chavez appears grim, saying Maduro's body language during his televised appearance spoke volumes.

"Everything suggests Chavez's health situation hasn't evolved as hoped," Sucre said. He said Maduro likely remained in Havana to keep close watch on how Chavez's condition develops.

"These hours should be key to having a more definitive prognosis of Chavez's health, and as a consequence make the corresponding political decisions according to the constitution," Sucre said.

Sucre and other Venezuelans said it seems increasingly unlikely that Chavez would be able to be sworn in as scheduled on Jan. 10.

The Venezuelan leader has not been seen or heard from since undergoing his fourth cancer-related surgery Dec. 11, and government officials have said he might not return in time for his inauguration for a new six-year term.

If Chavez dies or is unable to continue in office, the Venezuelan Constitution says that a new election should be held within 30 days.

Before his operation, Chavez acknowledged he faced risks and designated Maduro as his successor, telling supporters they should vote for the vice president if a new presidential election were necessary.

Chavez said at the time that his cancer had come back despite previous surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatment. He has been fighting an undisclosed type of pelvic cancer since June 2011.

Maduro said on Sunday that he had met with Chavez. "We greeted each other and he himself referred to these complications," Maduro said, reading from a prepared statement.

Nelson Mandela convalesces, legacy secure

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's agonizing past swept over Alex McLaren, who stepped into sunlight with tears in his eyes after a tour of the Apartheid Museum, an unsparing study of white minority rule and the costly fight against it.

Yet South Africa-born McLaren, an American citizen, also found inspiration in the museum's exhibition about Nelson Mandela, former prisoner, South Africa's first black head of state and one of the great, unifying figures of the 20th century.

Mandela, now 94 years old and ailing, was a special figure in the anti-apartheid struggle because of "his perseverance, his ability to forgive and to reconcile, and the fact that he appeared when he did, him and others. But mainly him," said McLaren, a retired engineer.

"There will be a lot of wailing, gnashing of teeth, when he goes," he said, anticipating the grief of South Africa and the world.

The delicate health of Mandela, now convalescing behind the high walls of his Johannesburg home, came under scrutiny and speculation during a 19-day stay in a hospital in December. He was treated for a lung infection and had gallstones removed. Regardless of when the end comes, his burnished legacy was written years ago, even if the country he led from the long night of apartheid still struggles with poverty and other social ills.

Mandela's place as South Africa's premier hero is so secure that the central bank released new banknotes in 2012 showing his face, a robust, smiling image of the icon who walked out of a prison's gates on Feb. 11, 1990 after 27 years in captivity. He is a Nobel laureate, the recipient of many other international awards, the subject of books, films and songs and, when he was active, a magnet for celebrities.

In part, what elevated Mandela was his charisma, his ability to charm through humor and grace, and an extraordinary capacity to find strength in adversity.

"People tend to measure themselves by external accomplishments, but jail allows a person to focus on internal ones; such as honesty, sincerity, simplicity, humility, generosity and an absence of variety," Mandela says in one of the many quotations on display at the Apartheid Museum. "You learn to look into yourself."

Just four years after being released from prison, Mandela became South Africa's first black president in 1994. His successes include the introduction of one of the world's most progressive constitutions and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a panel that heard testimony about apartheid-era violations of human rights as a kind of national therapy session.

McLaren, the visitor to the Apartheid Museum, grew up in South Africa and recalled witnessing injustices of apartheid: blacks being arrested or stopped in the street, a black woman being pushed off a bus and a view among many whites that blacks were "somehow inferior."

Now a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, 66-year-old McLaren said: "South Africa is such a mixed place now. Some of it is falling apart, some of it is really good, some of it is really bad. But you know, it's much better than it was, much better than it was."

An imperfect country, but one that Mandela, whose clan name, Madiba, means "reconciler," guided elegantly through a painful transition.

In "Mandela: The Authorized Portrait," a collection of accounts about Mandela, lawyer and human rights advocate George Bizos described how Mandela joked about his age (he was 86 at the time) and said he would join "the nearest branch of the ANC in heaven."

Nation BRIEFS

New Year

Associated Press

A trader wearing "Happy New Year" glasses works on the floor Monday at the New York Stock Exchange in New York.

Subway suspect has troubled history

NEW YORK — The family of a woman accused of shoving a man to his death in front of a subway train called police several times in the past five years because she had not been taking prescribed medication and she was difficult to deal with, authorities said Monday.

Erika Menendez, 31, was being held without bail on a murder charge in the death of Sunando Sen. She told police she pushed the 46-year-old India native because she thought he was Muslim, and she hates them, according to prosecutors. They'd never met before she suddenly shoved him off the subway platform, because she "thought it would be cool," prosecutors said. The victim was Hindu, not Muslim.

She laughed and snickered so much during her court hearing last weekend that the judge admonished her. The attorney who represented her only for her arraignment said she acted the same way with him when he tried to speak with her.

Gov. signs pardons for Wilmington 10

RALEIGH, N.C. — Outgoing North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue issued pardons Monday to the Wilmington 10, a group wrongly convicted 40 years ago in a notorious Civil Rights-era prosecution that led to accusations that the state was holding political prisoners.

Perdue issued pardons of innocence Monday for the nine black men and one white woman who were given prison sentences totaling nearly 300 years for the 1971 firebombing of a Wilmington grocery store after police shot a black teenager.

The pardon means the state no longer thinks the 10 — four of whom have since died — committed a crime.

Newtown killer's remains claimed

HARTFORD, Conn. — The body of the man who massacred 26 people at a Connecticut elementary school was claimed by his father, a family spokesman said Monday, but the public may never know what happened with the remains.

Like families of other mass killers, Adam Lanza's father has to balance his own mourning with consideration for the victims, intense media scrutiny and the risk that a public gravesite could be desecrated.

"I know it's very sensitive for the family. They have many, many concerns and it's a very sad time for them," said Kingston, N.H. Police Chief Donald Briggs, a family acquaintance who helped the Lanzas coordinate services for Lanza's slain mother.

Lanza shot and killed his mother, Nancy, inside their Newtown home on Dec. 14 before driving to Sandy Hook Elementary School, shooting his way in and gunning down 20 first-graders and six school employees. He committed suicide as police arrived.

— From wire reports

Clinton still under observation

Secretary of State being treated for blood clot found Sunday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is under observation at a New York hospital after being treated for a blood clot stemming from the concussion she sustained earlier this month.

Clinton's doctors discovered the clot Sunday while performing a follow-up exam, her spokesman, Philippe Reines, said. He would not elaborate on the location of the clot but said Clinton was being treated with anti-coagulants and would remain at New York-Presbyterian Hospital for at least the next 48 hours so doctors can monitor the medication.

"Her doctors will continue to assess her condition, including other issues associated with her concussion," Reines said in a statement. "They will determine if any further action is required."

Clinton, 65, fell and suffered a concussion while at home alone in mid-December as she recovered from a stomach virus that left her severely dehydrated. The concussion was diagnosed Dec. 13 and Clinton was forced to cancel a trip to North Africa and the Middle East that had been planned for the next week.

The seriousness of a blood clot "depends on where it is," said Dr. Gholam Motamedi, a neurologist at Georgetown University Medical Center who was not involved in Clinton's care.

Clots in the legs are a common risk after someone has been bedridden, as Clinton may have been for a time after her concussion. Those are "no big deal" and are treated with six months of blood thinners to allow them to dissolve on their own and to prevent further clots from forming, he said.

A clot in a lung or the brain is more serious. Lung clots, called pulmonary embolisms, can be deadly, and a clot in the brain can cause a stroke, Motamedi said.

World welcomes 2013

Associated Press

Fireworks explode Tuesday in the sky above Sydney Harbour during the New Year celebrations in Sydney, Australia.

Australia, Asia greet new year with fireworks, festivities

Associated Press

LONDON — Sydney's skyline erupted in fireworks as Australia ushered in 2013 on Tuesday, while extravagant displays soon followed in Hong Kong and Beijing, and even the once-isolated country of Myanmar joined the party for the first time in decades.

Asia greeted the new year with an atmosphere of renewed optimism despite the "fiscal cliff" impasse of spending cuts and tax increases threatening to reverberate globally from the United States and the tattered economies of Europe, where the party was expected to be more subdued.

Celebrations were planned around the world, culminating with the traditional crystal ball drop in New York City's Times Square, where 1 million people were expected to cram into the surrounding streets.

The balmy summer night in Sydney was split by 7 tons of fireworks fired from rooftops and barges, many cascading from the city's Harbor Bridge, in a $6.9 million pyrotechnic extravaganza billed by organizers as the world's largest.

In Myanmar, after nearly five decades under military regimes that discouraged or banned big public gatherings, about 90,000 people experienced the country's first New Year's Eve countdown in a field in the largest city of Yangon.

"We feel like we are in a different world," said Yu Thawda, a university student who came with three of her friends.

Tens of thousands of people lined Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor to view a $1.6 million fireworks display, said to be the biggest ever in the southern Chinese city.

In North Korea, cannons boomed at midnight in Pyongyang as people crowded the streets of the capital to watch a fireworks show over the Taedong River. After being in mourning a year ago regarding leader Kim Jong Il's death, North Koreans celebrated the end of a big year that included the rise of new leader Kim Jong Un and the recent launch of a satellite into space.

In Indonesia, Jakarta's street party centered on a 4-mile thoroughfare closed to traffic from nightfall until after midnight. Workers erected 16 large stages along the normally clogged, eight-lane highway through the heart of the city. Indonesia's booming economy is a rare bright spot amid global gloom and is bringing prosperity — or the hope of it — to its people.

In the Philippines, where many are recovering from devastation from a recent typhoon, health officials have hit upon a successful way to stop revelers from setting off huge illegal firecrackers that maim and injure hundreds of Filipinos each year.

A health official, Eric Tayag, donned the splashy outfit of South Korean star PSY and danced to his YouTube hit "Gangnam Style" video while preaching against the use of illegal firecrackers on TV, in schools and in public arenas.

"The campaign has become viral," Tayag said.

In austerity-hit Europe, the mood was more restrained — if hopeful. The year 2013 is projected to be a sixth straight one of recession amid Greece's worst economic crisis since World War II.

Feds to investigate Oregon bus crash

Associated Press

PENDLETON, Ore. — A federal agency has sent two investigators to the site of an Eastern Oregon tour bus crash that killed nine people.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Monday it would look into the conditions on Interstate 84 and the guardrail the tour bus crashed through Sunday morning. It also will examine the operations of the Vancouver, British Columbia, bus carrier.

The agency said the 1998-model bus rolled at least once when it wrecked on a long descent known for dangerous winter driving conditions.

More than 40 people were aboard the bus traveling from Las Vegas to Vancouver. On Monday, 14 remained at a hospital in nearby Pendleton. Sixteen had been sent to other hospitals.

Associated Press

Emergency personnel respond to the scene of tour bus crash Sunday, Dec. 30, about 15 miles east of Pendleton, Ore.

The stretch of rural Oregon interstate where a tour bus crashed through a guardrail and plummeted 100 feet down a steep embankment is so notorious that state transportation officials have published a specific advisory warning of its dangers.

The bus crashed near the start of a 7-mile section of road winding down a hill. It came to rest at the bottom of a snowy slope, landing beaten and battered but upright with little or no debris visible around the crash site.

The *East Oregonian* said it spoke with two South Korean passengers, ages 16 and 17. Both said through a translator that they were seated near the rear of the bus when it swerved a few times, hit the guardrail and flipped. They described breaking glass and seeing passengers pinned by their seats as the bus slid down the hill. Both said that they feared for their lives.

The paper said that the teens, one of whom injured a knee and the other suffered a broken collarbone, were staying at a hotel arranged by the Red Cross.

More than a dozen rescue workers descended the hill and used ropes to help retrieve people from the wreckage in freezing weather. The bus driver was among the survivors.

Lt. Gregg Hastings said the bus crashed along the west end of the Blue Mountains, and west of an area called Deadman Pass. The area is well known locally for its hazards, and the state transportation department advises truck drivers that "some of the most changeable and severe weather conditions in the Northwest" can lead to slick conditions and poor visibility.

World BRIEFS

New leader

Associated Press

South Korean president-elect Park Geun-hye, without a helmet at center, shouts Monday with members of the special warfare command at a military base in Gwangju, South Korea. Park was elected South Korean president on Dec. 19, becoming the country's first female leader.

Protester shot in Cairo

CAIRO — Gunmen drove into Cairo's Tahrir Square before dawn Monday and fired at an anti-government sit-in, seriously wounding a protester who had been jailed and tortured by former military rulers after he witnessed the killing of another activist. Two lawyers involved in the case suggested it was a targeted attack.

Lawyer Tamer Gomaa identified the seriously wounded activist as Muhanad Samir, 19, and said he was battling for his life with a number of pellets embedded in his skull and in his face.

Gomaa said witnesses recognized the attackers and identified them as security agents dressed in civilian clothes. Gomaa quoted witnesses as saying some of the attackers had visited the square hours before and inquired about Samir by name and about others at the sit-in.

Pope marks end of difficult year

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI marked the end of a difficult year Monday by saying that despite all the death and injustice in the world, goodness prevails.

Benedict celebrated New Year's Eve with a vespers service in St. Peter's Basilica to give thanks for 2012 and look ahead to 2013. He appeared tired during the service and used a cane afterward — an indication that the busy Christmas season may be taking a toll on the 85-year-old Benedict.

In his homily, Benedict said it's tough to remember that goodness prevails when bad news — death, violence and injustice — "makes more noise than good." He said taking time to meditate in prolonged reflection and prayer can help "find healing from the inevitable wounds of daily life."

Pakistan releases 8 Taliban prisoners

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan released eight members of the Afghan Taliban from prison on Monday, including the former justice minister under the Taliban, in a bid to boost the peace process in neighboring Afghanistan, the government said.

Pakistan is seen as a lynchpin in efforts to bring about peace in Afghanistan as foreign troops plan to depart the country in 2014. Kabul has been pressing its neighbor to release more prisoners who they hope would bring the Taliban to the negotiating table before the U.S. troops go home.

The Pakistanis appear to have an interest in promoting peace across the border, as a resumption of the civil war there could bring harsh consequences on its side as well.

"We have released some more Taliban prisoners today as our help in the peace process in Afghanistan," Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman Moazzam Khan said.

—From wire reports

■ The Duke men's basketball team retained the No. 1 spot in the AP's college basketball poll./**B2**

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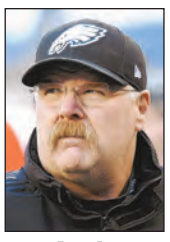
Plethora of NFL coaches fired Monday

Eagles ax Reid; Bears let Smith go

Associated Press



Andy Reid

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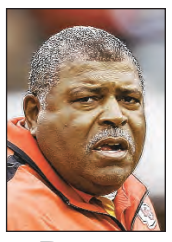

Romeo Crennel

Chan Gailey

SAN DIEGO — By lunchtime Monday, six NFL coaches were looking for work.

With the regular season ending the day before, the firings came at a furious clip and within a two-hour span, the following were sacked: Andy Reid in Philadelphia, Lovie Smith in Chicago, Norv Turner in San Diego, Pat Shurmur in Cleveland, Romeo Crennel in Kansas City and Chan Gailey in Buffalo,

Though he also had a losing record, New York Jets coach Rex Ryan held onto his job while general manager Mike Tannenbaum was let go. Jacksonville fired its GM, Gene Smith, and coach Mike Mularkey could go soon, too.

The Chargers and Browns made it a clean sweep. San Diego dismissed GM A.J. Smith along with Turner. Cleveland fired GM Tom Heckert along with Shurmur.

Just after the initial round of firings, the Arizona Cardinals sacked coach Ken Whisenhunt.

The team also ousted general manager Rod Graves, who had been with the franchise for 16 years. He'd been general manager since 2007.

The 50-year-old Whisenhunt had more wins than any other coach in Cardinals history, going 45-51, 4-2 in the playoffs. He had a year worth about $5.5 million left on his contract.

Reid was the longest tenured of the coaches, removed after 14 seasons and a Super Bowl appearance in 2005 — a loss to New England.

Smith spent nine seasons with the Bears, leading them to the Super Bowl in 2006 — a loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

Turner went 56-40 with the Chargers, the third team to fire him as head coach. San Diego won the AFC West from 2006-09 — he was 3-3 in the playoffs — but didn't make the postseason the last three years.

Gailey was dumped after three seasons with the Bills; Shurmur after two; and Crennel had one full season with the Chiefs.

Reid took over a 3-13 team in 1999, drafted Donovan McNabb with the No. 2 overall pick and quickly turned the franchise into a title contender.

He led them to a run of four straight NFC championship games, a streak that ended with a trip to the NFL title game. But the team hasn't won a playoff game since 2008 and after last season's 8-8 finish, owner Jeffrey Lurie said he was looking for

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Girls Swimmer/Diver of the Year finalists **AND ALL-CHRONICLE TEAM**

Making a splash

Anna Lane, Crystal River freshman

Anabel Marchildon, Lecanto junior

Abbey Brown, Crystal River senior

Photos by **MATTHEW BECK**/Chronicle

Brown, Lane, Marchildon three finalists for Girls Swimmer of the Year

With no county swimming meet, the best way to tell who the top swimmers in the county are is by looking at the results when Citrus, Crystal River and Lecanto compete against one another and how the Hurricanes, Pirates and Panthers do in the postseason.

Crystal River senior Abbey Brown, Pirates freshman teammate Anna Lane and Lecanto junior Anabel Marchildon each advanced to the regional level of their sport.

Jon-Michael Soracchi
ON POINT

Also, the trio were the best in the county in their respective events, making them each a fitting finalist for the *Chronicle's* Girls Swimmer of the Year award.

Each athlete put together an impressive resume and deserves recognition.

The finalists have standing invitations to the *Chronicle* sports banquet at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year, where the winner will be announced.

All-*Chronicle* girls swimming team

Jena Askew, Citrus senior

Askew was a 50-meter freestyle specialist and was one of the few female Hurricanes to have individual success against Crystal River and Lecanto.

Abbey Brown, Crystal River senior

Placed in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle races consolation finals at the Region 1A-1 meet after taking third in both events at the District 1A-3 meet.

Marissa Penn, Crystal River senior

Finished fifth in the 100-meter breaststroke and eighth in the 50-meter freestyle at the District 1A-3 meet to advance to the regional level.

Anna Lane, Crystal River freshman

Came in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle races consolation finals at the Region 1A-1 meet after taking seventh and fifth, respectively, in the events at the District 1A-3 meet.

Anabel Marchildon, Lecanto junior

The Panther qualifed for the Region 2A-2 meet after taking sixth in the 100-meter breaststroke and eighth in the 100-meter butterfly.

Courtney Toomey, Lecanto senior

A senior co-captain for the Panthers, Toomey swam the 500-meter freestyle event.

Marissa Buck, Lecanto senior

A senior co-captain for Lecanto, she swam the 200 Individual Medley.

Breanna Johnson, Lecanto junior

The top female diver in the county, Johnson placed sixth at the District 2A-5 meet.

Seminoles ready for Orange Bowl

No. 12 FSU faces BCS buster N. Illinois

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida State's biggest weakness heading into their Orange Bowl game against Northern Illinois might be Midwestern geography.

The Seminoles concede they'd be hard-pressed to locate their opponent in an atlas.

"I could probably find Illinois," receiver Rashad Greene said. "I don't really know where the town is. Actually I don't even know the town."

It's DeKalb.

"DeKalb?" Seminoles kicker Dustin Hopkins said. "Hey, next time I'll know."

"I thought it was in Chicago," quarterback EJ Manuel said.

Cue the cliche: A victory Tuesday night would put Northern Illinois on the map.

Orange Bowl

No. 13 Florida State (11-2) vs. No. 16 Northern Illinois (12-1)

■ **Time:** 8:30 p.m. today.
■ **TV:** ESPN

The No. 16-ranked Huskies have been widely derided as unworthy of a BCS bowl berth, which makes them eager for validation when they face No. 13 Florida State.

"We're playing a team that is going to be willing to bloody their noses and get after you," Seminoles offensive coordinator James Coley warned.

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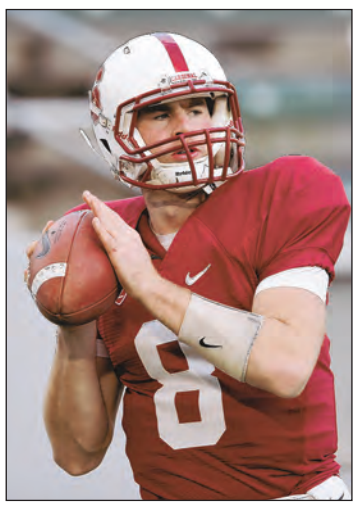
Florida State defensive end Bjoern Werner is a German-born All-American who ended the regular season with 13 sacks, second-most in the nation.

Associated Press



Associated Press

Stanford quarterback Kevin Hogan leads the Cardinal into today's Rose Bowl against Wisconsin.

Cardinal, Badgers meet in Rose Bowl

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Although Montee Ball and Stepfan Taylor have barely met, Taylor is pretty sure they would get along famously.

"We had a quick hello this week, but you can tell we've got a lot in common," the Stanford running back said. "At least on the field."

In an era of college football dominated by spread schemes and prolific quarterbacks, these two tailbacks personify an old-fashioned, smash-mouth approach to offense. Running behind similar massive offensive lines at Wisconsin and Stanford, both backs persevered through slow starts to their careers to earn prominent spots in the record books heading into their big finales in the 99th Rose Bowl.

Rose Bowl

No. 8 Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5)

■ **Time:** 5 p.m. today
■ **TV:** ESPN

"You can't really have a better running back matchup in college football than this one," Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez said.

Ball and Taylor expect to get to know each other while they prepare for the upcoming NFL draft, where they're both likely to be high picks. They'll first finish up their college careers against each other when the surprising Badgers (8-5) make their third straight Rose Bowl appearance Tuesday against the favored No. 8 Cardinal (11-2).

When Ball is asked about Taylor's abilities, he realizes he might as well be describing himself.

"We're both not blazing fast, but we both do a good job playing to our strengths," Ball said. "We run behind our pads, run between the tackles and always stay physical. We've got a lot of similarities, so it's good to see him have success. Just hopefully not too much success in the game."

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NHL talks to restart as year closes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players' association are using the final hours of 2012 to try to get closer to an elusive deal that has so far been well out of reach.

Negotiations were scheduled for Monday afternoon at the league's New York office, marking the first time the NHL and the union will be bargaining in nearly three weeks, and the first time they will do so without mediation since early December.

The New Year's clock is ticking while the window to reach a labor agreement to save the season is rapidly closing. No one has said exactly how much time remains, but the belief is the NHL wants a shortened season to start no later than Jan. 19.

That leaves a little less than two weeks to reach an agreement and stage one week of training camp before the puck would drop on a 48-game campaign.

The league and the union had informational discussions — by conference call and in meetings — with staff members that lasted much of Saturday and ended Sunday. Those talks were spurred by the nearly 300-page contract proposal the NHL presented to the union Thursday.

The union is expected to make a counteroffer Monday. These will be the first negotiations since the sides met with a federal mediator Dec. 13.

All games through Jan. 14 have been canceled, claiming more than 50 percent of the original schedule. The NHL wants to reach a deal by Jan. 11 and open the season eight days later.

Bargaining sessions with only the NHL and union haven't been held since Dec. 6, when talks abruptly ended after the players' association made a counterproposal. The league said that offer was contingent on the union accepting three elements unconditionally and without further bargaining.

The NHL then pulled all existing offers off the table. Two days of sessions with mediators the following week ended without progress.

A person familiar with key points of the offer told The Associated Press that the league proposed raising the limit of individual free-agent contracts to six years from five — seven years if a team re-signs its own player; raising the salary variance from one year to another to 10 percent, up from 5 percent; and one compliance buyout for the 2013-14 season that wouldn't count toward a team's salary cap but would be included in the overall players' share of income.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the new offer weren't being discussed publicly.

The NHL maintained the deferred payment amount of $300 million it offered in its previous proposal, an increase from an earlier offer of $211 million. The initial $300 million offer was pulled after negotiations broke off this month.

The latest proposal is for 10 years, running through the 2021-22 season, with both sides having the right to opt out after eight years.

If this offer doesn't quickly lead to a new collective bargaining agreement, the next round of cuts could claim the entire schedule.

The NHL is the only North American professional sports league to cancel a season because of a labor dispute, losing the 2004-05 campaign to a lockout. A 48-game season was played in 1995 after a lockout stretched into January.

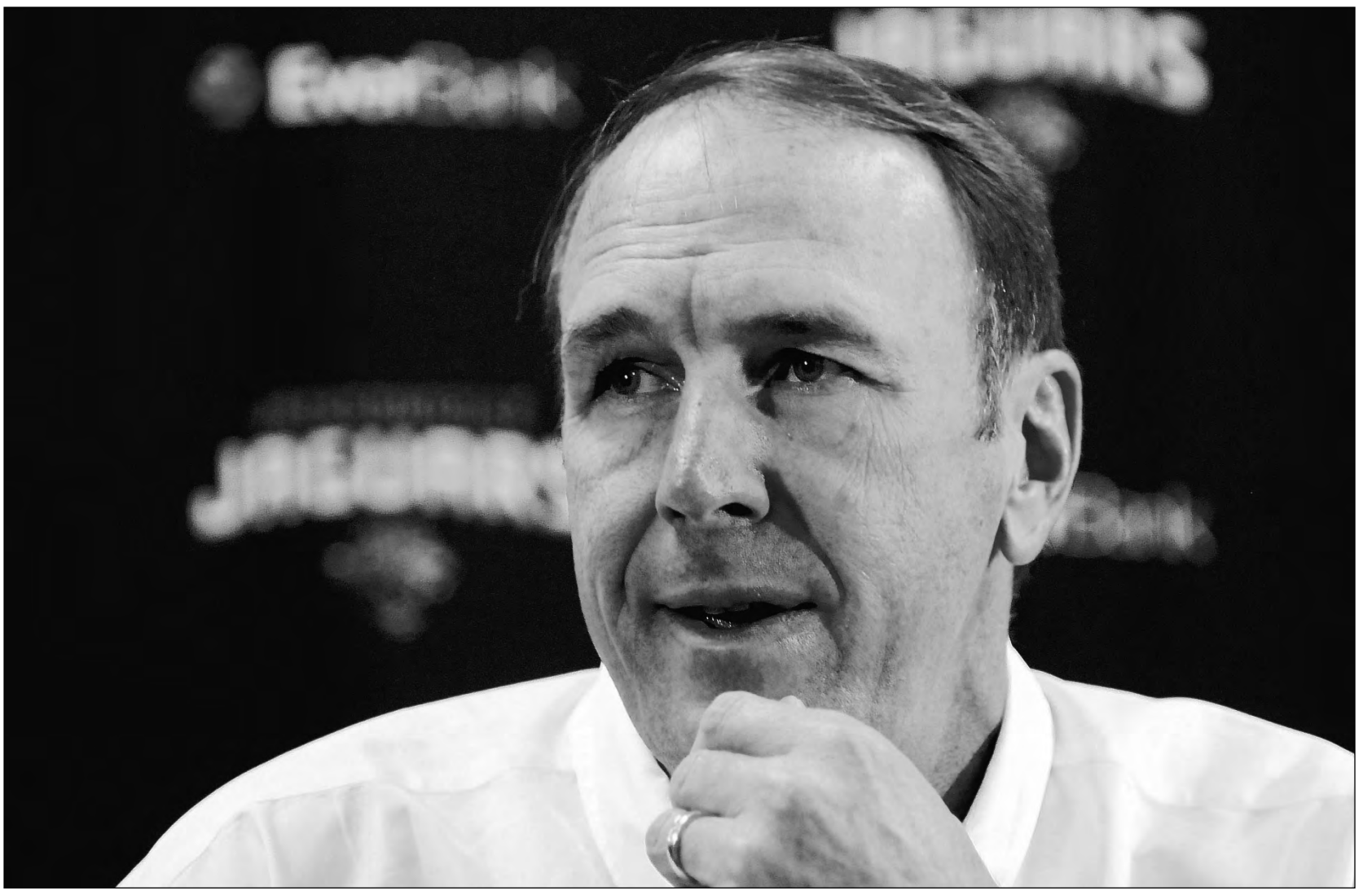
It is still possible this dispute could eventually be settled in the courts if the sides can't reach a deal on their own.

The NHL filed a class-action suit this month in U.S. District Court in New York in an effort to show its lockout is legal. In a separate move, the league filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, contending bad-faith bargaining by the union.

Those moves were made because the players' association took steps toward potentially filing a "disclaimer of interest," which would dissolve the union and make it a trade association. That would allow players to file antitrust lawsuits against the NHL.

Union members voted overwhelmingly to give their board the power to file the disclaimer by Wednesday. If that deadline passes, another authorization vote could be held to approve a later filing.

Stay of execution



Associated Press

Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Mike Mularkey responds to a question Monday in Jacksonville. After four years of futility, the Jaguars are heading in a different direction with a minimum of a new general manager after firing Gene Smith.

Jets coach Ryan, Jags coach Mularkey not fired, but teams' GMs given pink slips

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — After four years of futility, the Jacksonville Jaguars are heading in a different direction.

Coach Mike Mularkey might not be around for the move.

The Jaguars fired general manager Gene Smith on Monday after four disappointing seasons, including the worst year in franchise history.

Mularkey could be next.

Owner Shad Khan is waiting to decide Mularkey's fate until he hires a new general manager, which could happen this week.

Mularkey failed to make the Jaguars (2-14) better in his first season, setting a team record for losses and dropping eight games by 16 or more points.

Smith was the architect of the roster. He had been with the team since its inception in 1994, working his way up from regional scout to general manager. He has been GM since 2009, compiling a 22-42 record. Not one player he acquired made the Pro Bowl.

"Now it is time for the Jacksonville Jaguars to begin a new chapter," Khan said in a statement. "We're not looking back. I've made it clear from Day One that we pledge nothing less than to deliver the first Super Bowl championship to Jacksonville. Our fans have been remarkably loyal over the years, and they were truly outstanding this past season. We simply must do better for our fans."

Khan said the search for a new GM will begin immediately.

Arizona director of player personnel Jason Licht, San Francisco director of player personnel Tom Gamble, and Atlanta director of player personnel David Caldwell have been mentioned as potential replacements.

"I'm determined to find the right man to lead our football operations, someone who shares my vision, understands the commitment we will demand and is qualified and ready to seize this opportunity," Khan said.

Associated Press

New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan walks along the sidelines during the team's 28-9 loss to the Buffalo Bills on Sunday in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Khan informed Smith of his decision Monday morning and then delivered the news to Mularkey.

Mularkey said he received no assurances he would be retained for a second season.

"It was a conversation about Gene's status," said Mularkey, the former Buffalo Bills head coach who now has lost 20 of his last 23 games. "My status was not discussed, and I won't go into detail what was. But until I'm told otherwise, I'm the head coach of this team."

So the Jaguars are in limbo again, much like they were late last season when Khan bought the team from Wayne Weaver for $770 million. Weaver fired coach Jack Del Rio the same day he gave Smith a three-year extension despite Smith's numerous mistakes in the draft and in free agency.

Smith handled the coaching search, which started and ended with Mularkey.

But the Jaguars made no progress under Mularkey, finishing the year ranked 29th in offense and 30th in defense.

"You knew something was going to happen," defensive tackle Terrance Knighton said. "You didn't know where it was going to start. It obviously started from the top and it will probably make its way down."

Knighton is one of numerous free agents who could make the Jacksonville job enticing for prospective GMs. The new GM would be able to rebuild the roster, and the Jaguars have plenty of room under the salary cap and few dead-money contracts.

Nonetheless, changes are never easy inside a locker room.

"With a year like this, you can point fingers everywhere," tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "I'm not sure what the final straw was, but it happened. Kind of got to move forward and do what you do."

Smith changed the way Jacksonville approached personnel moves. He made character as important as ability, but it never paid off the way he envisioned.

Finding talent seemed to be the main issue.

Smith whiffed on offensive tackle Eben Britton (39th overall pick in 2009), defensive tackle Tyson Alualu (10th pick in 2010) and quarterback Blaine Gabbert (10th pick in 2011). Smith traded up to select Gabbert even though several teams with quarterback needs passed on the former Missouri starter.

He also drafted a punter in the third round in April, a move that was mocked locally and nationally.

Equally alarming for Khan had to be Smith's penchant for overpaying in free agency: Torry Holt, Aaron Kampman, Paul Posluszny, Clint Session, Dawan Landry, Laurent Robinson and Aaron Ross.

Smith did hit on some players, including left tackle Eugene Monroe (eighth pick in 2009), cornerback Derek Cox (73rd pick in 2009) and receivers Cecil Shorts (114th pick in 2011) and Justin Blackmon (fifth pick in 2012). But none of those starters has become a star. And Smith gave up a second-round pick to get Cox and a fourth-rounder to trade up and get Blackmon.

Smith's most controversial act came in April, when he chose punter Bryan Anger in the third round (70th pick). Anger was terrific as a rookie, but adding him never seemed like the best call for a team that needed talent and depth at so many other positions.

Jets fire GM Tannenbaum, Ryan tabbed to stay

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — The New York Jets have fired general manager Mike Tannenbaum and say coach Rex Ryan will be back next season.

The Jets finished 6-10 and were in constant turmoil from the moment they acquired Tim Tebow in a trade before the season.

Jets owner Woody Johnson said in a statement Monday that "like all Jets fans, I am disappointed with this year's results."

Tannenbaum, who signed off on Tebow trade, has two years left on his contract. Tebow was brought in as a backup for Mark Sanchez but was expected to play a key role in certain offensive schemes. It never worked out.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Duke still a runaway No. 1 in AP Top 25

For the third straight week Duke is the runaway No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25, and for the first time in 16 years Minnesota is in the top 10.

The Blue Devils (12-0) received all but two first-place votes from the 65-member media panel on Monday. The next five teams — Michigan, Arizona, Louisville, Indiana and Kansas — held their places from last week. Syracuse, Ohio State, Minnesota and Gonzaga rounded out the top 10.

Michigan (13-0) was No. 1 on two ballots for the second straight week. Minnesota is in the top 10 for the first time since it was third in the final poll of 1996-97.

New Mexico, which won at undefeated Cincinnati, returns to the rankings at No. 20 after being out for one week. The Lobos replace UNLV, which dropped out from 20th after losing at North Carolina.

Miami's Reggie Johnson out six to eight weeks

CORAL GABLES — Miami Hurricanes senior center Reggie Johnson will miss much of the Atlantic Coast Conference season with a broken left thumb.

Coach Jim Larranaga said Johnson is expected to be sidelined six to eight weeks,

A starter since his sophomore season, Johnson has already missed four games. He has played in seven games and is averaging 12.6 points and 10.1 rebounds.

The Hurricanes (8-3) host LaSalle on Wednesday and open ACC play Saturday at Georgia Tech.

RB Williams wants to stay in Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carolina Panthers all-time leading rusher DeAngelo Williams says he wants to remain with the team despite getting benched earlier this season.

But the seven-year veteran is the first to admit that's not his decision.

Williams said "the ball is not really in my court."

Williams has three years remaining on a five-year contract worth $43 million that included a $16 million signing bonus.

Williams closed the season by setting a franchise record with a career-best 210 yards rushing and two touchdowns in Carolina's 44-38 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Williams started the final five games with Jonathan Stewart out with a high ankle sprain.

"I signed a five-year contract, so that in itself lets you know I want to be back," Williams said as the left the stadium.

Nevada RB Jefferson declares for NFL

RENO, Nev. — Nevada running back Stefphon Jefferson has decided to forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft this spring.

Jefferson set single-season Nevada records in carries (375), yards rushing yards, rushing touchdowns (24) and total scores (25). He ranked second nationally in both rushing yards per game (144.9) and points per game (11.5).

The junior from Visalia, Calif., said in a statement issued by the school late Sunday he will "always bleed silver and blue" but wants to try to take his career to the next level. He thanked the coaches and staff for all they have done to help make him successful.

— From wire reports

POINT SPREADS

Glantz-Culver Line

NCAA Football
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Heart of Dallas Bowl				
Oklahoma St.	18	17	(70)	Purdue
Gator Bowl				
At Jacksonville, Fla.				
Northwestern	+2	1	(53)	Mississippi St.
Outback Bowl				
At Tampa, Fla.				
S. Carolina	4	5½	(48)	Michigan
Capital One Bowl				
At Orlando, Fla.				
Georgia	8	9	(61)	Nebraska
Rose Bowl				
At Pasadena, Calif.				
Stanford	6	6	(47½)	Wisconsin
Orange Bowl				
At Miami				
Florida St.	15	13½	(58½)	N. Illinois
Wednesday				
Sugar Bowl				
At New Orleans				
Florida	13½	14	(45½)	Louisville
Thursday				
Fiesta Bowl				
At Glendale, Ariz.				
Oregon	9½	9	(75½)	Kansas St.
Friday				
Cotton Bowl				
At Arlington, Texas				
Texas A&M	3	3	(72½)	Oklahoma
Saturday				
Compass Bowl				
At Birmingham, Ala.				
Mississippi	1½	3½	(52½)	Pittsburgh
Sunday				
GoDaddy.com Bowl				
At Mobile, Ala.				
Arkansas St.	+1	4	(61½)	Kent St.
Jan. 7				
BCS National Championship				
At Miami				
Alabama	7½	9½	(41½)	Notre Dame

NFL Playoffs
Saturday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Houston	5	4½	(43½)	Cincinnati
at Green Bay	8	8	(46)	Minnesota
Sunday				
at Baltimore	7	6½	(46½)	Indianapolis
Seattle	1½	2½	(45½)	at Wash.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl Glance

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15
Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6
Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
UCF 38, Ball State 17
Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State 28, Washington 26
Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU 43, Fresno State 10
Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan 24, Western Kentucky 21
Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Cincinnati 48, Duke 34
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor 49, UCLA 26
Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech 13, Rutgers 10, OT
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31
Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Rice 33, Air Force 14
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse 38, West Virginia 14
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State 62, Navy 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas 31, Oregon State 27
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State 17, TCU 16
Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), late
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), late
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), late
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), late
Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), Noon (ESPNU)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), Noon (ESPN2)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington, Texas
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Jan. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12 p.m. (ESPN2) Taxslayer.com Gator Bowl — Mississippi State vs. Northwestern
1 p.m. (ABC) Capital One Bowl — Georgia vs. Nebraska
1 p.m. (ESPN) Outback Bowl — Michigan vs. South Carolina
5 p.m. (ESPN) Rose Bowl — Stanford vs. Wisconsin
8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Orange Bowl — Florida State vs. Northern Illinois
1:30 a.m. (ESPN2) Outback Bowl — Michigan vs. South Carolina (Same-day Tape)

Note: *Times and channels are subject to change at the discretion of the network. If you are unable to locate a game on the listed channel, please contact your cable provider.*

NFL

Late Sunday box

Redskins 28, Cowboys 18

Dallas	0	7	0	11 —	18
Washington	0	7	7	14 —	28

Second Quarter
Dal—Witten 9 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 7:59.
Was—Morris 17 run (Forbath kick), 3:28.
Third Quarter
Was—Griffin III 10 run (Forbath kick), 3:10.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—FG Bailey 48, 14:09.
Was—Morris 32 run (Forbath kick), 10:32.
Dal—Ogletree 10 pass from Romo (Harris pass from Romo), 5:50.
Was—Morris 1 run (Forbath kick), 1:09.
A—82,845.

	Dal	Was
First downs	20	24
Total Net Yards	296	361
Rushes-yards	22-100	42-274
Passing	196	87
Punt Returns	3-78	3-18
Kickoff Returns	5-93	4-109
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-15
Comp-Att-Int	20-37-3	9-18-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-22	1-13
Punts	4-41.5	5-41.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-6	2-20
Time of Possession	26:34	33:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Murray 17-76, F.Jones 5-24. Washington, Morris 33-200, Griffin III 6-63, Royster 2-9, Moss 1-2.
PASSING—Dallas, Romo 20-37-3-218. Washington, Griffin III 9-18-0-100.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Witten 7-56, Bryant 4-71, Hanna 3-20, Ogletree 2-25, Harris 1-25, Vickers 1-11, Murray 1-6, F.Jones 1-4. Washington, Garcon 3-46, Moss 2-22, Morris 2-12, Hankerson 1-12, Paulsen 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Washington, Forbath 37 (WR).

NFL playoff glance

All Times EST
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 5
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 6
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC, TBA (CBS)
NFC, TBA (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (CBS)

NFL final standings

AFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	12	4	0	.750	557	331
Miami	7	9	0	.438	288	317
N.Y. Jets	6	10	0	.375	281	375
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	344	435
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	12	4	0	.750	416	331
x-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	357	387
Tennessee	6	10	0	.375	330	471
Jacksonville	2	14	0	.125	255	444
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Baltimore	10	6	0	.625	398	344
x-Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	391	320
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	336	314
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	302	368
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Denver	13	3	0	.813	481	289
San Diego	7	9	0	.438	350	350
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	290	443
Kansas City	2	14	0	.125	211	425

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Washington	10	6	0	.625	436	388
N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	429	344
Dallas	8	8	0	.500	376	400
Philadelphia	4	12	0	.250	280	444
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Atlanta	13	3	0	.813	419	299
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	357	363
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	461	454
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.438	389	394
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	433	336
x-Minnesota	10	6	0	.625	379	348
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	375	277
Detroit	4	12	0	.250	372	437
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-San Francisco	11	4	1	.719	397	273
x-Seattle	11	5	0	.688	412	245
St. Louis	7	8	1	.469	299	348
Arizona	5	11	0	.313	250	357

x-clinched playoff spot, y-clinched division

Sunday's Games
Tennessee 38, Jacksonville 20
Carolina 44, New Orleans 38
Buffalo 28, N.Y. Jets 9
Cincinnati 23, Baltimore 17
Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 28, Houston 16
N.Y. Giants 42, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 26, Detroit 24
Tampa Bay 22, Atlanta 17
San Diego 24, Oakland 21
San Francisco 27, Arizona 13
Seattle 20, St. Louis 13
Denver 38, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 37, Green Bay 34
New England 28, Miami 0
Washington 28, Dallas 18
End of Regular Season

AFC leaders

Week 17

Quarterbacks	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, DEN	583	400	4659	37	11
Brady, NWE	637	401	4827	34	8
Roethlis., PIT	449	284	3265	26	8
Schaub, HOU	544	350	4008	22	12
P. Rivers, SND	527	338	3606	26	15
Flacco, BAL	531	317	3817	22	10
Dalton, CIN	528	329	3669	27	16
C. Palmer, OAK	565	345	4018	22	14
Fitzpatrick, BUF	505	306	3400	24	16
Gabbert, JAC	278	162	1662	9	6

Rushers	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Charles, KAN	285	1509	5.29	91t	5
Foster, HOU	351	1424	4.06	46	15
Ridley, NWE	290	1263	4.36	41	12
Spiller, BUF	207	1244	6.01	62	6
Johnson, TEN	276	1243	4.50	94t	6
R. Rice, BAL	257	1143	4.45	46	9
Green-Ellis, CIN	278	1094	3.94	48	6
Greene, NYJ	276	1063	3.85	36	8
Re. Bush, MIA	227	986	4.34	65t	6
Richardson, CLE	267	950	3.56	32t	11

Receivers	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	118	1354	11.5	59	6
Johnson, HOU	112	1598	14.3	60t	4
Wayne, IND	106	1355	12.8	33	5
A.. Green, CIN	97	1350	13.9	73t	11
Thomas, DEN	94	1434	15.3	71t	10
Decker, DEN	85	1064	12.5	55	13
Johnson, BUF	79	1046	13.2	63	6
B. Myers, OAK	79	806	10.2	29	4
Hartline, MIA	74	1083	14.6	80t	1
B. Lloyd, NWE	74	911	12.3	53	4

Scoring

Touchdowns	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
A. Foster, HOU	17	15	2	0	102
Decker, DEN	13	0	13	0	78
Richardson, CLE	12	11	1	0	72
Ridley, NWE	12	12	0	0	72
Green, CIN	11	0	11	0	66
Gronkow., NWE	11	0	11	0	66
R. Rice, BAL	10	9	1	0	60
Thomas, DEN	10	0	10	0	60
H. Miller, PIT	8	0	8	0	50
Re. Bush, MIA	8	6	2	0	48

NFC leaders

Week 17

Quarterbacks	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Rodgers, GBY	552	371	4295	39	8
Griffin III, WAS	393	258	3200	20	5
R. Wilson, SEA	393	252	3118	26	10
M. Ryan, ATL	615	422	4719	32	14
Brees, NOR	670	422	5177	43	19
Romo, DAL	648	425	4903	28	19
Manning, NYG	536	321	3948	26	15
Newton, CAR	485	280	3869	19	12
Bradford, STL	551	328	3702	21	13
Freeman, TAM	558	306	4065	27	17

Rushers	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Peterson, MIN	348	2097	6.03	82t	12
Morris, WAS	335	1613	4.81	39t	13
Lynch, SEA	315	1590	5.05	77t	11
Martin, TAM	319	1454	4.56	70t	11
Gore, SNF	258	1214	4.71	37	8
Forte, CHI	248	1094	4.41	46	5
Jackson, STL	257	1042	4.05	46	4
Bradshaw, NYG	221	1015	4.59	37	6
McCoy, PHL	200	840	4.20	34	2
Griffin III, WAS	120	815	6.79	76t	7

Receivers	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Johnson, DET	122	1964	16.1	53	5
Marshall, CHI	118	1508	12.8	56	11
Witten, DAL	110	1039	9.4	36	3
Gonzalez, ATL	93	930	10.0	25	8
Bryant, DAL	92	1382	15.0	85t	12
White, ATL	92	1351	14.7	59	7
Cruz, NYG	86	1092	12.7	80t	10
Crabtree, SNF	85	1105	13.0	49t	9
Graham, NOR	85	982	11.6	46	9
Colston, NOR	83	1154	13.9	60	10

Scoring

Touchdowns	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Jones, GBY	14	0	14	0	84
Peterson, MIN	13	12	1	0	80
Morris, WAS	13	13	0	0	78
D. Bryant, DAL	12	0	12	0	74
M. Lynch, SEA	12	11	1	0	72
Do. Martin, TAM	12	11	1	0	72
B. Marshall, CHI	11	0	11	0	66
M. Turner, ATL	11	10	1	0	66
Colston, NOR	10	0	10	0	60
Cruz, NYG	10	0	10	0	60

BASKETBALL

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Duke (63)	12-0	1,623	1
2. Michigan (2)	13-0	1,547	2
3. Arizona	12-0	1,474	3
4. Louisville	12-1	1,434	4
5. Indiana	12-1	1,378	5
6. Kansas	11-1	1,313	6
7. Syracuse	11-1	1,197	9
8. Ohio St.	10-2	1,079	10
9. Minnesota	12-1	978	11
10. Gonzaga	12-1	946	13
11. Illinois	13-1	929	12
12. Missouri	10-2	912	7
13. Florida	9-2	810	14
14. Cincinnati	12-1	761	8
15. Georgetown	10-1	718	15
16. Creighton	12-1	629	16
17. Butler	10-2	591	18
18. Michigan St.	11-2	447	19
19. San Diego St.	11-2	437	17
20. New Mexico	13-1	389	—
21. Notre Dame	12-1	361	21
22. Oklahoma St.	10-1	333	22
23. NC State	10-2	270	23
24. Pittsburgh	12-1	219	24
25. Kansas St.	10-2	149	25

Others receiving votes: UNLV 52, North Carolina 38, Wyoming 28, Temple 21, VCU 15, Kentucky 13, Wichita St. 11, UConn 9, UCLA 6, Maryland 5, Oregon 3.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	9	.700	—
Brooklyn	16	14	.533	5
Boston	14	16	.467	7
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	7½
Toronto	11	20	.355	10½
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	19	9	.679	1
Orlando	12	18	.400	9
Charlotte	7	23	.233	14
Washington	4	24	.143	16
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	16	12	.571	—
Indiana	17	13	.567	—
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	½
Detroit	11	22	.333	7½
Cleveland	7	25	.219	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	8	.750	—
Memphis	19	8	.704	2½
Houston	16	14	.533	7
Dallas	12	19	.387	11½
New Orleans	7	23	.233	16
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	23	6	.793	—
Denver	17	15	.531	7½
Minnesota	14	13	.519	8
Portland	15	14	.517	8
Utah	15	17	.469	9½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	25	6	.806	—
Golden State	21	10	.677	4
L.A. Lakers	15	15	.500	9½
Sacramento	11	19	.367	13½
Phoenix	11	20	.355	14

Sunday's Games
San Antonio 111, Dallas 86
Detroit 96, Milwaukee 94
Sacramento 118, Boston 96
L.A. Clippers 107, Utah 96
Monday's Games
Charlotte at Chicago, late
Memphis at Indiana, late
Miami at Orlando, late
Atlanta at Houston, late
Brooklyn at San Antonio, late
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, late
Today's Games
Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NBA leaders

Through Dec. 30

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	30	309	220	903	30.1
Anthony, NYK	24	235	152	684	28.5
Durant, OKC	29	266	241	824	28.4
Harden, HOU	29	222	254	755	26.0
James, MIA	28	285	117	726	25.9
Westbrook, OKC	29	217	147	622	21.4
Aldridge, POR	27	229	112	570	21.1
Wade, MIA	24	185	111	488	20.3
Lee, GOL	31	260	102	622	20.1
Curry, GOL	31	215	99	621	20.0
Pierce, BOS	30	197	148	598	19.9
Ellis, MIL	29	211	122	570	19.7
Parker, SAN	30	225	113	577	19.2
Holiday, PHL	27	201	71	502	18.6
Lillard, POR	29	184	97	532	18.3
Mayo, DAL	31	200	97	568	18.3
Gay, MEM	26	182	82	474	18.2
DeRozan, TOR	31	210	129	565	18.2
Walker, CHA	30	200	106	542	18.1
Bosh, MIA	27	181	115	483	17.9

FG Percentage	FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	144	209	.689
Jordan, LAC	124	209	.593
McGee, DEN	146	249	.586
Howard, LAL	186	325	.572
Ibaka, OKC	173	306	.565
Lopez, NOR	149	266	.560
Hickson, POR	146	262	.557
James, MIA	285	520	.548
Bosh, MIA	181	333	.544
Griffin, LAC	225	416	.541

Rebounds	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Varejao, CLE	25	138	223	361	14.4
Randolph, MEM	27	127	208	335	12.4
Howard, LAL	30	111	244	355	11.8
Asik, HOU	30	95	254	349	11.6
Hickson, POR	28	116	193	309	11.0
Lee, GOL	31	94	247	341	11.0
Noah, CHI	28	102	194	296	10.6
Chandler, NYK	30	128	179	307	10.2
Faried, DEN	32	130	194	324	10.1
Jefferson, UTA	31	66	245	311	10.0

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	26	302	11.6
Paul, LAC	31	292	9.4
Holiday, PHL	27	240	8.9
Vasquez, NOR	30	264	8.8
Westbrook, OKC	29	251	8.7
Williams, Bro	29	225	7.8
Calderon, TOR	31	236	7.6
Parker, SAN	30	220	7.3
Lawson, DEN	32	221	6.9
Nelson, ORL	22	151	6.9

BASEBALL

Baseball calendar

Jan. 9 — Hall of Fame voting announced.
Jan. 9-10 — Owners meeting, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Jan. 15 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 18 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, Phoenix.
Feb. 12 — Mandatory reporting date for players participating in the World Baseball Classic in Asia. Mandatory reporting date for all other pitchers and catchers participating in the WBC. Voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers not participating in the WBC.
Feb. 15 — Mandatory reporting date for WBC players not participating in Asia. Voluntary reporting date for position players not participating in the WBC.
Feb. 20 — Mandatory reporting date for players not participating in the WBC.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 2-19 — World Baseball Classic.
March 13 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 27 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2013 salary.

FIRED

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improvement this year. Instead, it was even worse. The Eagles finished 4-12.

"Andy Reid won the most games of any head coach in Eagles history and he is someone I respect greatly and will remain friends with for many years to come," Lurie said. "But, it is time for the Eagles to move in a new direction. Andy leaves us with a winning tradition that we can build upon."

Shurmur went 9-23 in his two seasons with the Browns, who will embark on yet another offseason of change — the only constant in more than a decade of futility. Cleveland has lost at least 11 games in each of the past five seasons and made the playoffs just once since returning to the NFL as an expansion team in 1999.

"Ultimately our objective is to put together an organization that will be the best at everything we do," Browns CEO Joe Banner said. " On the field, our only goal is trying to win championships."

Crennel took over with three games left in the 2011 season after GM Scott Pioli fired Todd Haley. Kansas City will have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft as a result of having one of the worst seasons in its 53-year history. The only other time the Chiefs finished 2-14 was 2008, the year before Pioli was hired.

"I am embarrassed by the poor product we gave our fans this season, and I believe we have no choice but to move the franchise in a different direction," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt said in a statement.

Gailey, the former Dallas Cowboys coach, compiled a 16-32 record in his three seasons in Buffalo, never doing better than 6-10.

"This will probably be, and I say probably, but I think it will be the first place that's ever fired me that I'll pull for," Gailey said.

Smith and the Bears went 10-6 this season and just missed a playoff spot. But Chicago started 7-1 this year and has struggled to put together a productive offense throughout Smith's tenure. His record was 81-63 with the Bears.

ROSE

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The Rose Bowl is a culmination of two resilient tenures at a notoriously fickle position. Both backs are playing in their third straight BCS bowls: Ball was outstanding in both of the Badgers' previous trips to the Rose Bowl, while Taylor had big games in Orange and Fiesta bowls over the past two years.

Ball, who won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back this season, has scored 82 touchdowns — more than anybody in FBS history.

Taylor is merely the leading rusher in Stanford history — and one score shy of becoming the school's career touchdowns leader — as an incredibly durable performer who almost never leaves the field when the Cardinal have the ball.

Yet neither Ball nor Taylor started his college career as the main man, instead winning their starting jobs through persistence and hard work.

Taylor was a backup to Toby Gerhart as a freshman, getting just 56 carries. He was overshadowed for most of his first three seasons on The Farm with Heisman contenders Gerhart and Andrew Luck in the same backfield before getting the spotlight this year — and even then, he was overshadowed on the West Coast by fellow Pac-12 ball-carriers Kenjon Barner at Oregon, Ka'Deem Carey at Arizona and Johnathan Franklin at UCLA.

Yet Taylor broke Darrin Nelson's Stanford career rushing record in the Pac-12 title game, getting 78 more yards to give him 4,212 in his career. With a touchdown against Wisconsin, he'll break his career tie with Gerhart at 44 TDs.

"I don't worry about people paying attention to me as long as we're winning games, because that's all you can control," Taylor said.

Ball played behind John Clay as a freshman and in a three-back combo with Clay and James White as a sophomore. Ball was frequently the third option in that troika in 2010, particularly when he didn't even play in a win over Ohio State, a setback that left him contemplating a transfer or moving to linebacker.

ORANGE

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Northern Illinois (12-1) is the first Mid-American Conference team to play in the Bowl Championship Series. The Huskies made it when they cracked the top 16 in the final standings by 0.0404 points, setting off a celebration in DeKalb and a backlash everywhere else.

The BCS busters arrived in south Florida without apology.

"There are a lot of angry people out there," NIU offensive coordinator Bob Cole said. "But there are probably 120 of us in the hotel that are really happy about the whole deal. We don't really care what everybody else thinks."

The bowl berth meant 17 Huskies would see the ocean for the first time. One story about the team used the phrase "bowl bumpkins."

"We laugh at it, whatever that's supposed to mean," linebacker Tyrone Clark said. "We take this as an amazing opportunity for the MAC, the school and the players."

Actually, success is nothing new to the Huskies, who are playing in a bowl for the fifth consecutive season. Since October 2011 they have the best record in the country at 21-1.

They've won 12 games in a row, matching Ohio State and Notre Dame for the longest active winning streak. Quarterback Jordan Lynch leads the nation in rushing and total offense, and he finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting.

But the Huskies barely beat Army, Toledo and Kansas. They lost to Iowa, which won only three other games. They've never beaten an opponent ranked higher than 15th.

At a news conference Monday for the head coaches, Florida State's Jimbo Fisher agreed to pose with the Orange Bowl trophy. Northern Illinois' Rod Carey declined, but not because his team is a two-touchdown underdog.

"Underdog? What is that?" Carey said. "Our kids play with a chip on their shoulder all the time. I mean, if we were favored by 21 points I'd be more nervous."

Until kickoff, it's impossible to know how seriously Florida State (11-2) will take a supposedly unimposing opponent. The matchup's a letdown for the Seminoles, who wanted to wait another week to play in Miami — in the BCS title game.

But in the days leading up to the game, the Seminoles said all the right things about Northern Illinois.

"We're not going to underestimate anybody," receiver Rodney Smith said. "Everybody is trying to say NIU doesn't deserve to be here, but as a team we're saying they're here for a reason. We're going to treat them like they're the No. 1-ranked team in the nation."

They're No. 1 in DeKalb, anyway, especially in the wake of their Orange Bowl berth.

"They've got signs all over the place in the street back home — 'Go Huskies' and 'Good Luck in the Orange Bowl,'" Cole said. "For what it has done for our community, our players, our school, it has been unbelievable."

DeKalb is located an hour west of Chicago, on the banks of the Kishwaukee River, in Rand McNally grid C-10. A good crowd at Huskies Stadium is 18,000, and the town's population of 45,000 would barely fill half of the Orange Bowl's seats.

"In DeKalb you've got your local cornfields," linebacker Clark said. "We've got a lot of space there. And you've got your daily wind. It's just a small town with a nice-size university — and a select number of people."

Added teammate Sean Progar: "There's not too much to do but play football."

That's what the small-town Huskies will do Tuesday on their biggest stage ever.

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Spotlight on PEOPLE

Kanye West, Kim Kardashian expecting child

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A kid for Kimye: **Kanye West** and **Kim Kardashian** are expecting their first child.

The rapper announced at a concert Sunday night that his girlfriend is pregnant. Kardashian was in the crowd at Revel Resort's Ovation Hall with her mother, **Kris Jenner**, and West's mentor and best friend, **Jay-Z**. West told the crowd of more than 5,000 in song form: "Now you having my baby."

Kim Kardashian

Kanye West

The crowd roared. And so did people on the Internet.

The news instantly went viral on Twitter and Facebook, with thousands posting and commenting on the expecting couple.

Most of the Kardashian clan also tweeted about the news, including Kim's sisters. **Kourtney Kardashian** wrote: "Another angel to welcome to our family. Overwhelmed with excitement!"

West, 35, also told concertgoers to congratulate his "baby mom" and that this was the "most amazing thing."

Representatives for West and Kardashian, 32, didn't immediately respond to emails about the pregnancy.

The rapper and reality TV star went public in March.

Kardashian married NBA player **Kris Humphries** in August 2011 and their divorce is not finalized.

Lady Gaga's anti-bullying effort taps Yale expert

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — **Lady Gaga** has enlisted a Yale University psychologist in her campaign to end bullying.

Marc Brackett, a research scientist, is one of seven scholars named to the advisory board of the singer's Born This Way Foundation.

The *New Haven Register* reported Brackett has been working on an anti-bullying project with Facebook. This spring he'll head up a new center at Yale devoted to teaching emotional intelligence in schools and other organizations.

Brackett, who is deputy director of Yale's Health, Emotion and Behavior Laboratory, said understanding how to recognize and regulate emotion makes a big impact on the workplace, family life and school. It's particularly relevant in curbing bullying.

Brackett said emotions play a role in memories, relationships, decision-making and health.

—From wire reports

Associated Press

This year was led by a pair of superhero sagas, Disney's "The Avengers," below, with $623 million domestically and $1.5 billion worldwide and the Warner Bros. Batman finale "The Dark Knight Rises," above, with $448 million domestically and $1.1 billion worldwide.

Ticket rush: Film fans hand Hollywood record cash

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The big deal for Hollywood is not the record $10.8 billion that studios took in domestically in 2012. It's the fact that the number of tickets sold went up for the first time in three years.

Thanks to inflation, revenue generally rises in Hollywood as admission prices climb each year. The real story is told in tickets, whose sales have been on a general decline for a decade, bottoming out in 2011 at 1.29 billion, their lowest level since 1995.

The industry rebounded this year, with ticket sales projected to rise 5.6 percent to 1.36 billion by Dec. 31, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. That's still well below the modern peak of 1.6 billion tickets sold in 2002, but in an age of cozy home theater setups and endless entertainment gadgets, studio executives consider it a triumph that they were able to put more butts in cinema seats this year than last.

"It is a victory, ultimately," said Don Harris, head of distribution at Paramount Pictures. "If we deliver the product as an industry that people want, they will want to get out there. Even though you can sit at home and watch something on your large screen in high-def, people want to get out."

Domestic revenue should finish up nearly 6 percent from 2011's $10.2 billion and top Hollywood's previous high of $10.6 billion set in 2009.

The year was led by a pair of superhero sagas, Disney's "The Avengers" with $623 million domestically and $1.5 billion worldwide and the Warner Bros. Batman finale "The Dark Knight Rises" with $448 million domestically and $1.1 billion worldwide. Sony's James Bond adventure "Skyfall" is closing in on the $1 billion mark globally, and the list of action and family-film blockbusters includes "The Hunger Games," "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part Two," "Ice Age: Continental Drift," "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted," "The Amazing Spider-Man" and "Brave."

Before television, movies were the biggest thing going, with ticket sales estimated as high as 4 billion a year domestically in the 1930s and '40s.

Movie-going eroded steadily through the 1970s as people stayed home with their small screens. The rise of videotape in the 1980s further cut into business, followed by DVDs in the '90s and big, cheap flat-screen TVs in recent years. Today's video games, mobile phones and other portable devices also offer easy options to tramping out to a movie theater.

It's all been a continual drain on cinema business, and cynics repeatedly predict the eventual demise of movie theaters. Yet Hollywood fights back with new technology of its own, from digital 3-D to booming surround-sound to the clarity of images projected at high-frame rates, which is being tested now with "The Lord of the Rings" prelude "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," shown in select theaters at 48 frames a second, double the standard speed.

For all of the annoyances of theaters — parking, pricy concessions, sitting next to strangers texting on their iPhones — cinemas still offer the biggest and best way to see a movie.

"Every home has a kitchen, but you can't get into a good restaurant on Saturday night," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros. "People want to escape. That's the nature of society. The adult population just is not going to sit home seven days a week, even though they have technology in their home that's certainly an improvement over what it was 10 years ago. People want to get out of the house, and no matter what they throw in the face of theatrical exhibition, it continues to perform at a strong level."

Even real-life violence at the movie theater didn't turn audiences away. Some moviegoers thought twice about heading to the cinema after a gunman killed 12 people and injured 58 at a screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Colorado last summer, but if there was any lull in attendance, it was slight and temporary. Ticket sales went on a tear for most of the fall.

While domestic revenues inch upward most years largely because of inflation, the real growth areas have been overseas, where more and more fans are eager for the next Hollywood blockbuster.

Rentrak, which compiles international box office data, expects 2012's foreign gross to be about $23 billion, 3 percent higher than in 2011. No data was yet available on the number of tickets sold overseas this past year.

International business generally used to account for less than half of a studio film's overall receipts. Films now often do two or even three times as much business overseas as they do domestically. Some movies that were duds with U.S. audiences, such as "Battleship" and "John Carter," can wind up being $200 million hits with overseas crowds.

Whether finishing a good year or a bad one, Hollywood executives always look ahead to better days, insisting that the next crop of blockbusters will be bigger than ever. The same goes this time as studio bosses hype their 2013 lineup, which includes the latest "Iron Man," "Star Trek," "Hunger Games" and "Thor" installments, the Superman tale "Man of Steel" and the second chapter in "The Hobbit" trilogy.

Twelve months from now, they hope to be talking about another revenue record topping this year's $10.8 billion.

"I've been saying we're going to hit that $11 billion level for about three years now," said Paul Dergarabedian, a box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "Next year I think is the year we actually do it."

Today's HOROSCOPE

Birthday — What you've learned from experience can be effectively used to your advantage in the year ahead, if you're brave and canny. Knowledge has much power, as you'll be able to prove.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should you find yourself involved in an incident where you're tempted to respond to pettiness with the same, do your best to rise above temptation and instead act responsibly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By sizing up business situations realistically, you'll quickly discover that you don't have to bargain from weakness. Don't give the other party an edge that isn't there.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — A pleasant surprise might be in store, when you discover that someone whom you thought unaware of your existence instead has some very nice things to say about you.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Appearances won't matter so much at present, but a good performance will really count. You'll have little to fear if your efforts and industry live up to your promises.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — If a wily antagonist tries to pull something cute over you in front of your friends today, let this person know immediately that you're onto what s/he is trying to do.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Opportunities could be lurking in unexpected places. Don't hesitate for one minute to transform something questionable into what you always knew it could be.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Speak up and say what you believe needs to be said, and not just what you think others want to hear. Sincerity serves a constructive purpose, while evasion causes problems.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — An adversary who usually succeeds using shifty tactics will be no match for you. You'll be ready for this person's guile and will easily circumvent his or her schemes.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Arousing the spirit of cooperation in others is something you do best when you're fully engaged. Don't hesitate to go after the support of some enthusiastic allies if you need it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — When you are motivated by unselfishness, any arrangement you take on is likely to turn out a success. This is because you gain strength from giving and not taking.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You are able to easily adapt to unfamiliar people or groups. Anyone who lacks your talent will be eyeing you with envy for your skill.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Allowing yourself to be intimidated by uncertainties or challenges will only cause more problems, especially where your work or career is concerned. Stay strong.

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

- Because of early deadlines, Monday lottery numbers are not in today's paper.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Fantasy 5: 7 – 16 – 19 – 27 – 33

5-of-5	2 winners	$96,530.59
4-of-5	265	$117.50
3-of-5	8,457	$10

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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

Today in HISTORY

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed and issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states shall be "forever free."

On this date:

In 1785, The Daily Universal Register — which later became the *Times of London* — published its first issue.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1913, the U.S. Parcel Post system went into operation.

In 1942, 26 countries, including the United States, signed the Declaration of the United Nations, pledging "not to make a separate armistice or peace" with members of the Axis.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, W.Va., while he was being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

In 1959, Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries overthrew Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista, who fled to the Dominican Republic.

In 1962, The Beatles (with Pete Best) auditioned for Decca Records, which opted to sign Brian Poole and the Tremeloes instead.

In 1983, the current version of the Internet came into being as the Internet protocol suite, commonly known as TCP/IP, became the mandatory standard.

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1993, Czechoslovakia peacefully split into two new countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

Ten years ago: More than two dozen surgeons in West Virginia stopped performing elective surgeries to protest the high cost of malpractice insurance. (They returned to work two weeks later when they were convinced that the governor and the legislature would address their concerns.)

Five years ago: New no-smoking rules went into effect in France, prohibiting people from lighting up in cafes, bars and restaurants.

One year ago: A Mount Rainier National Park ranger, Margaret Anderson, was shot and killed by the driver of a car that blew through a checkpoint. (Searchers later found the body of the man, 24-year-old Benjamin Colton Barnes, in a snowy creek.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 91. Actor Frank Langella is 75. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 71. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 70.

Thought for Today: "If you asked me for my New Year Resolution, it would be to find out who I am." — Cyril Cusack, Irish actor (1910-1993).

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You don't say

List: No love for 'fiscal cliff,' 'spoiler alert'

Associated Press

Special to the Chronicle

— DETROIT

Spoiler alert: This story contains words and phrases that some people want to ban from the English language. "Spoiler alert" is among them. So are "kick the can down the road," "trending" and "bucket list."

A dirty dozen have landed on the 38th annual List of Words to be Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness. The nonbinding, tongue-in-cheek decree released Monday by northern Michigan's Lake Superior State University is based on nominations submitted from the United States, Canada and beyond.

"Spoiler alert," the seemingly thoughtful way to warn readers or viewers about looming references to a key plot point in a film or TV show, nevertheless passed its use-by date for many, including Joseph Foly, of Fremont, Calif. He argued in his submission the phrase is "used as an obnoxious way to show one has trivial information and is about to use it, no matter what."

At the risk of further offense, here's another spoiler alert: The phrase receiving the most nominations this year is "fiscal cliff," banished because of its overuse by media outlets when describing across-the-board federal tax increases and spending cuts that economists say could harm the economy in the new year without congressional action.

"You can't turn on the news without hearing this," said Christopher Loiselle, of Midland, Mich., in his submission. "I'm equally worried about the River of Debt and Mountain of Despair."

Other terms coming in for a literary lashing are "superfood," "guru," "job creators" and "double down."

University spokesman Tom Pink said that in nearly four decades, the Sault Ste. Marie school has "banished" around 900 words or phrases, and somehow the whole idea has survived rapidly advancing technology and diminishing attention spans.

Nominations used to come by mail, then fax and via the school's website, he said. Now most come through the university's Facebook page. That's fitting, since social media has helped accelerate the life cycle of certain words and phrases, such as this year's entry "YOLO" — "you only live once."

"The list surprises me in one way or another every year, and the same way every year: I'm always surprised how people still like it, love it," he said.

Dr. C. Joseph Bennett
NAVIGATING CANCER

Smoking ups cardiac death in women

As we begin a new year, we all have many things to be thankful for. And many of us, including myself, will make New Year's resolutions that will improve our overall health.

Over the years, I have discussed on many occasions that controlling our weight, exercising, and avoiding tobacco products could make the greatest impact on life expectancy.

Now there is even more data supporting this claim regarding the risk of smoking, and it is not cancer related.

New research data now shows that for women without coronary heart disease (CHD) early in life, smoking, even in small quantities, is associated with a significantly

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Dr. Sunil Gandhi
CANCER & BLOOD DISEASE

New Year's resolutions

It is New Year's Day and we are all excited about it. It brings new hope, new expectations and new resolutions. New Year's Day has always been a time for looking back to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year.

It's a time to reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those changes.

This year I am going to suggest some New Year's resolutions, which can help improve your health and cut down on the risk of cancer.

1. Lose weight: Obesity accounts for one in seven cancers in the United States and it also increases the risk for diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attacks,

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January germs

January brings in the New Year, playoff game parties, bowl games, and of course the Super Bowl. That means lots of people interacting, lots of people touching things, and lots of germs spreading, especially if there are not good hand washing techniques being implemented.

Dr. Denis Grillo
EAR, NOSE & THROAT

We know from previous articles I have written that cold weather brings on a spike in viruses that can live on surfaces that we come in contact with every day.

Hand washing is a good way to cut down the transmission of viruses and bacteria that can make us quite sick. In some instances, the transmission of bacteria and viruses can be deadly, and this includes methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, which is a type of staph bacteria that is becoming increasingly more resistant. It used to be thought of as a bacteria that was only found in places like hospitals and nursing homes. Now it's more common in the general community.

Hand washing seems to have gotten to be a little bit more routine because of these bugs out there. Look at the spike in the use of alcohol-based hand gels, which are a good choice when water is

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Resolve to worry less about dentistry in new year

Well, it is 2013 — Happy New Year. I hope all of you had a great time with your family and friends through this holiday season. I enjoyed the relaxation of not going anywhere and just staying home.

Dr. Frank Vascimini
SOUND BITES

As we all know, with the New Year comes talk about some resolutions.

I thought I would put a different twist on my column today and talk about some of the services dentistry has to offer that people might shy away from and write a small note as to why you shouldn't worry so much about them.

Maybe after reading this, you will make some new resolutions.

■ **Smile Makeover** — you may think that this needs to be very involved, time consuming and costly. The truth is that it does not have to be. Go talk to your dentist about what your goals are, and he or she will likely give you many alternatives, one of which should meet your needs.

■ **Root Canals** — they simply are not what most people think of when they hear they need a root

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Health NOTES

■ Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center is partnering with Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI), Citrus County Health Department and the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa to provide free six-week **tobacco dependence classes** in Inverness, Lecanto and Homosassa. Classes are available during the day and in the evening beginning in January. Anyone interested in quitting tobacco can participate and will be provided with a free and optional supply of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) including patches, gum or lozenges. This program is funded by the Florida Department of Health. To register and find out more, call 813-929-1000 or visit www.gnahec.org.

■ **LifeSouth Community Blood Centers**: Donors in January will be entered in a drawing to win an iPad mini. 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 permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health to be eligible to donate. A photo ID is required.

The Lecanto branch office is at 1241 S. Lecanto Highway (County Road 491), open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (7 p.m. Wednesdays), 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.

The Inverness branch is at 301 W. Main St., open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, (6:30 p.m. Wednesdays), 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays.

Visit www.lifesouth.org.

● 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, Walmart Supercenter, South Sunocast Boulevard, Homosassa.

● 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center, North Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River.

● 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, Walmart Supercenter, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Inverness.

● 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, Big Lots, Southeast U.S. 19 - Crystal River.

● 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway, Lecanto.

● 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, Walmart Supercenter, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway. Inverness.

● 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 5, Arbor Lakes Community, Lake Vista Trail, Hernando.

● 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, Walmart Supercenter, South Sunocast Boulevard, Homosassa.

● 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, Cypress Creek Academy, West Woodland Ridge Drive, Lecanto.

● 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, Withlacoochee River Electric Co-Op, Crystal River.

■ CRYSTAL RIVER — Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center continues the **"Know Your Stats"** prostate cancer awareness campaign this month with daily health tips available at facebook.com/srrmc, and is scheduling appointments for a free prostate cancer screening Jan. 30.

The prostate cancer screening is available to men older than 40 who have not received a PSA test since January 2012.

Call 352-795-1234 for more information.

■ **Flu shot clinics** are offered by B&W Rexall Drugs in Inverness. Call Donna Stevenson at 352-726-1555.

■ Nature Coast EMS offer **flu shots** for $28; however, the flu shot is free with valid Medicare Part B, and many other insurance providers are also accepted.

Flu shots are available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, (except holidays), at the Nature Coast EMS administration office on Homosassa Trail at Country Hill Drive in Lecanto.

If your organization, 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.

■ The **George A. Dame Community Health Center Board Meetings** are at 3 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly at the Citrus County Health Department, 3700 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto, in the first floor conference room.

■ 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 help is needed to protect our vulnerable against abuse, neglect and exploitation.

■ **Partners for a Substance-Free Citrus Inc.** will meet the second Thursday monthly in the basement of the Citrus County School Board office in Inverness, 1007 W. Main St. Use the elevator to go to the basement.

● 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 substancefree.citrus@yahoo.com.

■ Citrus Memorial Health System will host a free **smoking cessation class** from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the auditorium on the main hospital campus.

"Tools to Quit" is an intense two-hour seminar in which participants receive information on how to select and prepare for their own quit date. A trained Tobacco Cessation Specialist guides participants as they identify triggers and withdrawal symptoms, and brainstorms ways to cope with them. Free nicotine replacement therapy including patches, gum and lozenges will also be provided.

Refreshments and educational materials will be available during the seminar. Seating is limited; register online at www.citrusmh.com/events or call 352-560-6266 to reserve a seat.

■ Free eight-week **"Grief's Journey"** workshop from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays beginning Jan. 30 for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, hosted by Paul Winstead, licensed mental health counselor and grief counselor with the Citrus team of HPH Hospice, at the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa.

The experience of grieving and mourning the death of a loved one may be the most profound and intense emotional experience we have. Each individual experiences grief differently, but we can often identify with those who have also experienced the death of a loved one and not feel so alone. This educational and supportive course shows grief as a process in which the timing, intensity and order of each person's experiences are unique. Pre-registration is required. For information, call Winstead at 352-527-4600.

HPH "Healing People's Hearts in Citrus County" offers care, comfort and support for community members. Visit HPH-Hospice.org.

■ **Nature Coast EMS Citizens Academy** will begin Jan. 29, a hands-on opportunity for community members to see and learn what Nature Coast EMS Paramedics and EMTs do every day.

Graduates learn skills they can use in actual emergencies, because the academy is focused on hands-on training, showing and teaching the skills that an EMS crew may use. Participants will get to practice starting IVs, intubations (placing a breathing tube), defibrillations, reading heart rhythms and doing a full "code" on a SIMMAN mannequin. In the final session, participants will take care of a simulated patient in a mock patient care scenario and have the opportunity to ride along with paramedics and EMTs and go on actual emergencies.

The Nature Coast EMS Citizens Academy is free and meets from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday for eight weeks. Call 352-249-4700 to register.

■ HPH Hospice, Healing People's Hearts, two-day **new volunteer orientation** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, and Friday, Feb. 1, at the HPH Team offices, 3545 N. Lecanto Highway in the Winn-Dixie shopping plaza in Beverly Hills.

HPH staff believe if you want to do more with your own life, there is no volunteer opportunity more rewarding than working with hospice.

Qualifications needed: Caring heart, positive attitude, extra love to share and a big smile that appears on demand. RSVP or receive information by calling Debi Shields, volunteer coordinator, at 352-527-4600.

■ 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. Both are at 8471 W. Periwinkle 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.

■ Florida Department of Elder Affairs **SHINE program** offers free and unbiased information and assistance for all your health insurance issues. In Citrus County, there are four locations ready to serve your needs. For an appointment at any center, call 352-527-5956. Leave your name, telephone number and a short message. A SHINE counselor will return the call.

● Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto.

● First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

● St Anne's Episcopal Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

● Inverness Library, 1511 Druid Road, Inverness.

■ Snyder Pharmacy, 102 E. Highland Blvd., Inverness, offers a **drug Take-Back program** to help patients safely dispose of medicines that may be dangerous to others and to the environment. Patients of any pharmacy may bring in unused or expired drugs in their original stock containers for free disposal. For information, call 352-341-1212.

HEALTH NOTE GUIDELINES

- Support group information will list monthly meetings first, as space is available, then weekly meetings.
- It is the responsibility of each organization to inform the *Chronicle* about changes to existing listings.
- To submit information about upcoming seminars, health-related events open to the public or support group meetings, email newsdesk@chronicleonline.com attn: Health Notes; fax 352-563-5660 or write to: Health Notes c/o *Citrus County Chronicle*, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429.
- Information relating to professional training or seminars attended by those in the health care industries are considered business briefs, and would appear in the Business Digest listings of Sunday's Business section.
- To submit story ideas for feature sections, call 362-563-5660. Be prepared to leave a detailed message with your name, phone number and the address of the news event.
- Approval for story ideas must be granted by the *Chronicle's* editors before a reporter is assigned.
- The *Chronicle* reserves the right to edit submissions.
- Publication of submitted information or photos on specific dates or pages cannot be guaranteed.

Support GROUPS

NOTE: *The holidays may cause some groups to cancel meetings. Call ahead if unsure.*

■ **Alzheimer's Association**-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter support group: are attended by caregivers of loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. The support group provides the caregivers an opportunity to reduce their isolation and receive support and knowledge from other caregivers. It helps to share experiences, increase feelings of self-worth, decrease a sense of isolation, learn from others in your situation, learn about community resources, and receive encouragement from other caregivers. All support groups are free of charge to caregivers.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 Tambra 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 if you require respite. Call Debbie Selsavage at 352-746-5483.

■ **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.

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association** (CASA), 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, hosts a volunteer meeting at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday monthly, September to May. Call 352-344-8111.

■ **HIV support group**, 3 to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly at Citrus County Health Department, 3700 Sovereign Path, Lecanto. Open to all affected by HIV. Persons attending remain confidential, testing will be anonymous. Reservation not required. Call 352-527-0068, ext. 281, if you have any questions.

■ **Bereaved Parents of the USA** (BP/USA) grief support group for parents and grandparents who have experienced the death of a child, 7 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly at the First Presbyterian Church, 1501 S.E. U.S. 19 in Crystal River. Call Bernadette Passalacqua at 352-746-4664 or visit www.bereavedparentsusa.org.

■ **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. Call Joann Brown at 352-341-7741 or the American Cancer Society at 800-395-5665 to register.

■ SPRING HILL — **Spinal Cord Injury** support group, 5 p.m. second Thursday monthly in the gym at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. Call Dee Hardee at 352-592-7237.

■ 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.

■ **Emotions Anonymous** 12-step support group, noon the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at Central Ridge Library, Forest Ridge Boulevard and Roosevelt, in Beverly Hills. Call Meg at 352-527-2443.

■ **Friends of the Blind**, 9 a.m. to noon the second Friday monthly. Call Butch Shultz at 352-344-2693 for location.

■ **Women's Breast Cancer Support Group,** 11:30 a.m. the second Friday monthly, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute in the Allen Ridge Medical Center, County Road 491, Lecanto. Light lunch served. Call Judy Bonard at 352-527-4389.

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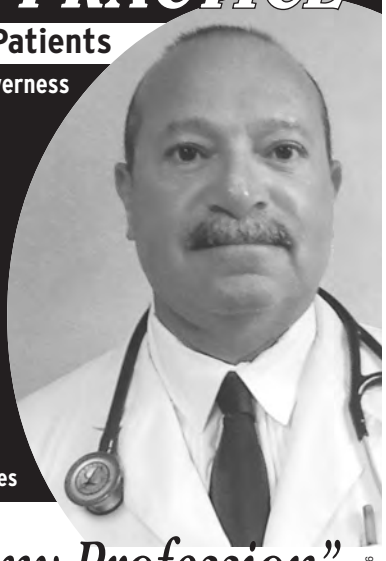
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Epilepsy drug treats partial-onset seizures

Richard Hoffmann
ASK THE PHARMACIST

Q: I heard a new drug was approved to treat epilepsy. What can you tell me of it?

A: The FDA recently (2012) approved Fycompa (perampanel) for the treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients with epilepsy.

Some people with epilepsy do not achieve good seizure control with current treatments, and Fycompa offers a new treatment option because it works in a different way than other anti-epileptic drugs.

Fycompa blocks receptors in the brain that are stimulated by the chemical glutamate. Glutamate is the main excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain and it is thought to be involved in a number of neurological disorders caused by overexcitation of nerve cells in the brain.

During clinical studies involving approximately 1,500 patients with partial-onset seizures, Fycompa helped to significantly reduce the frequency of seizures.

The most common side effects of Fycompa reported by patients include dizziness, drowsiness, fatigue, irritability, falls, nausea, abnormal movements, balance disorder, vertigo and weight gain. However, other serious mental problems can occur in some patients.

Partial seizures are the most common type of seizure seen in people with epilepsy. Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions.

According to the Institute of Medicine, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological disorders affecting 2.2 million people in the United States. About 60 percent of people with epilepsy have partial seizures.

In about 25 percent to 30 percent of patients with epilepsy, seizures cannot be controlled with treatment.

Richard P. Hoffmann, Pharm.D., has been a pharmacist for more than 40 years. Send questions to him at 2960 E. Coventry Court, Hernando, FL 34442.

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■ **Epilepsy support group** at the Lakes Region Library, Inverness. Call Lili Jane at 352-344-8765.

■ **Mended Hearts of Citrus County**, for individuals who have or had cardiovascular disease, as well as caregivers and family members, 10 a.m. the second Friday monthly in the Gulf Room in the Historic Citrus High School; parking and transportation available from CMHS parking lot "A2."

Open to the public. Call Millie King, at 352-637-5525; or CMHS Cardiovascular Services at 352-344-6416.

■ 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). All persons interested in issues of those with Developmental Disabilities are encouraged to attend. Call Karen Huscher at 352-726-1445 or email 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 cbettykay@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.

■ **National Osteoporosis Foundation** Citrus County Support Group, 1 p.m. the third Tuesday monthly at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto. Each month offers a different speaker.

This is part of the NOF's Affiliated Support Group Program dedicated to providing accurate, timely information and support to people affected by osteoporosis. Call Laura Henderson at 352-341-4778 or email TheBoneZone2010@yahoo.com.

■ **Nature Coast Multiple Myeloma Support Group**, 6 p.m. the third Wednesday monthly at the Oak Hill Hospital Partner's Club (formerly Spring Hill Enrichment Center) at Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd. (State Road 50), Brooksville. Free dinner buffet will be served. Contact Herb and Dianne Terry at 352-621-0672 or hterry1@tampabay.rr.com, or Richard Blustein at 352-428-4536 or Blustein22@aol.com.

■ SPRING HILL — **Look Good Feel Better** Support Group, 3:30 to 5 p.m. third Wednesday monthly at the Florida Cancer Specialists, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203, in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call 352-688-7744.

■ **"Different Strokes for Different Folks"** stroke support group, 10:30 a.m. to noon the third Thursday monthly in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Multipurpose Room at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River. Call 352-795-1234 for details.

■ **FFRA** (Families and Friends Reaching for the Abilities), third Friday monthly at the Key Training Center in Inverness at 130 Heights Ave. Social time and business meeting at 9 a.m. is followed by a speaker at 10 a.m. Lisa Noble from the Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center will talk about wound care, hyperbaric medicine, diabetes and treating wounds. Call Ron Phillips, president, at 352-382-7819 or visit www.ffracitrus.org.

■ The **Ostomy Support Group** of Citrus County, 2 p.m. the third Sunday monthly in the Cypress Room on the first floor in the Citrus Memorial Health System's Administration's Annex Building, across the street from the Medical Offices Building at 131 S. Citrus Ave., Inverness. Call Steve at 352-229-4202, Sue at 352-560-7918, Mel or Betty at 352-726-3802 or Sharon or Gerry at 352-382-4446. Email OSGofCC@yahoo.com.

■ **Celiac support** meeting for all people who have celiac disease or dermatitis herpetiformis, 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday monthly in the Community Room at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River. Call Ken Kral at 352-684-4064 or email KenKral@msn.com.

■ **Fibromyalgia Support Group** meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. the third Saturday monthly at the organizer's home in Inverness. Call Ada at 352-637-3364.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

■ **Seven Rivers Regional Speakers Bureau** brings customized programs to clubs, churches and other community organizations. Contact Amy Kingery at 352-795-8344 or amy.kingery@hma.com.

■ The **Alzheimer's Family Organization** has speakers available for your organization or club. This presentation will include basic Alzheimer's information and the services and programs that the organization offers to the Central Florida community. Call 888-496-8004 or 727-848-8888.

■ SPRING HILL — **Health Matters Home Care** has a Registered Nurse available to do free speaking engagements for your group, club, church or organization. Call 352-686-4493 or 352-686-5593.

■ The **Citrus Team of HPH Hospice** and its not-for-profit Homecare affiliate, **HPH Homecare**, provide free, ongoing education to Citrus County residents about their many programs, services and volunteer opportunities. There is no charge for a speaker and the solicitation of funds is never involved. Educational materials are provided at no charge. Call Anne Black, community liaison, at 352-527-4600.

■ **Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer** (SPOHNC), 2 p.m. the fourth Monday of every quarter at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute at the Allen Ridge CMHS campus, 522 N. Lecanto Highway in Lecanto.

Monthly meetings offer information, support and encouragement to newly diagnosed patients, survivors, family members and friends in a friendly and non-threatening forum. Call Wendy Hall, LCSW, at 352-527-0106 or whall@rboi.com.

■ 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. January's program features a representative from Universal Healthcare who will discuss Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO and PFFS plans.

An RSVP is necessary, as refreshments will be served. Call 352-341-6110.

■ 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, 10441 Quality Drive, Suite 203 in the Medical Arts Building next to Spring Hill Hospital. Call Jeff Haight, R.N., group facilitator, at 352-688-7744.

■ **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. Refreshments served.

■ 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). Call 800-530-1188 to register.

■ 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. Contact: Lourdes Arvelo, LCSW, patient services manager, at 813-963-6461 ext. 11, Lourdes.Arvelo@lls.org or visit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website at www.lls.org.

■ **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.

. ■ SPRING HILL — **Stroke Support Group**, noon the fourth Thursday monthly at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in the private dining room. Call Pam McDonald at 352-346-6359.

■ 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.

■ SPRING HILL — **Amputee support group**, 7 p.m. the last Monday monthly at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in the private dining room. Call Eva Baker at 352-592-7232.

Weekly meetings

■ **"Together We Grow" Nar-Anon Family Group**, 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St., Room 204 in office building, use right-side entrance across from the Memorial Garden; Nar-Anon is for family and friends of addicts.

Find a free local support group in your area: call 888-947-8885 or go to www.NARA-NONFL.org.

■ **Recovery from Food Addiction**, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Anne's Church, 9870 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, in the parish hall library. Call Peg at 410-903-7740.

■ **Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous** (FA) is a free 12-step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, undereating or bulimia. For details or a list of meetings, call 352-270-8534 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

● 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sundays at Queen of Peace Catholic Church Main Hall, 6455 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.

■ **Depression and anxiety peer support** group meets at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Central Ridge Library.

■ **Bereavement Group,** 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in the back hall, St. Thomas Church, off U.S. 19 south of Cardinal Street. Group is composed of men and women who are experiencing grief and are convinced "Life can be good again." Open to all. Come or call Anne at 352-212-0632.

■ **Al-Anon** groups meet regularly in Citrus County. Call 352-697-0497.

● Inverness AFG: 8 p.m. Mondays, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 550 S. U.S. 41.

● Crystal River AFG: 8 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Benedict Catholic Church, 455 S. Suncoast Blvd.

● Last Resort AFG: 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, 3896 S. Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness.

● Lecanto AFG: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Unity Church of Citrus County, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

● Crystal River AFG: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at YANA Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Awareness Lunch Bunch AFG: 12:30 p.m. Fridays, St. Margaret Episcopal Church, 114 N. Osceola Ave., Inverness.

● Beginners Al-Anon: 10 a.m. Saturdays at Yana Club, 147 Seventh St. (off Citrus Avenue), Crystal River.

● Tuesday Morning Serenity: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Unity Church, 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous**: If you drink, and want to stop, call Alcoholics Anonymous Nature Coast Intergroup at 352-621-0599. Visit the website: www.ncintergroup.com.

■ **AC Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Church Without Walls, 3962 N. Roscoe Road, Hernando. Call Laverne at 352-637-4563. Visit the website: www.alcoholicsforchrist.com.

■ A 12-step **Christian support group** meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at Living Waters Ministries, 12 N. Melbourne St., Beverly Hills. Call Meg at 352-527-2443. Free and open to the public.

■ DUNNELLON — **Grief support group**, 6 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road. Call the church at 352-489-2730.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous**:

● Easy Does It, 8 p.m. Monday and Saturday, Lions Den, U.S. 41, Floral City.

● It Works How and Why, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon Sunday, YANA Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River.

● Focus on Recovery, 8 p.m. Thursday, First Christian Church, Grover Cleveland Boulevard, Homosassa.

● Recovery on the River, 8 p.m. Monday and Friday, Lecanto Church of Christ, State Road 44 and County Road 491, Lecanto; 8 p.m. Sunday 797 S. Rowe Terrace, Lecanto, east of C.R. 491 and S.R. 44.

Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the meeting facilities listed. Information line: 352-382-0851.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**:

● 5 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Call Rita at 352-382-8503.

● Voices of Recovery, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Senior Center (V.A. building) on County Road 491, Lecanto. Call Dolores at 352-746-5019.

● The Circle of Love, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace Church in Beverly Hills, 6 Roosevelt Blvd. Call Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

● The New Beginning, 7 p.m. Fridays at Our Lady of Grace, Roosevelt Boulevard, Beverly Hills. Call Carolyn at 352-341-0777.

■ The **Encouragers Support Group** has been helping people deal with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and more. Weekly meeting. Call 352-637-3196.

■ **Anorexia and bulimia anonymous** 12-step support group, 5:45 p.m. Mondays at the Yana Club, 147 N.W. Seventh St., Crystal River (behind the police station). Call Charmaine at 352-422-3234.

■ **Citrus Abuse Shelter Association** (CASA), 1100 Turner Camp Road, Inverness, offers two free weekly women's domestic abuse support groups: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays. Child care available. Call CASA at 352-344-8111.

■ **Celebrate Recovery**:

● 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Christian Recovery Fellowship Church, 2242 W. State Road 44. Call 352-726-2800.

● 7 to 9 p.m. Fridays at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church's Student Ministries Building. Dinner available before the meeting from 6 to

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Questions arise about Minneapolis license plate data

CURTIS GILBERT
Minnesota Public Radio

Minnesota law makes all data collected by the government public, unless it is specifically classified otherwise. Minneapolis dutifully turns over the information to anyone who asks.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Academics and entrepreneurs nationwide have received copies of a massive database that the Minneapolis police department uses to track the location of cars. Where some see business or research opportunities, the city sees a public safety risk.

The data come from the city's network of automatic license plate readers — cameras that record the locations of hundreds of thousands of cars every month.

Minneapolis has received at least 100 requests for data from its license plate scanners over the last five months, ever since the *Star Tribune* first reported on the existence of the data. Most requests came from people who wanted to know where the scanners had spotted an individual license plate.

More than a third came from one man, Alex Peterson, who repossesses cars for a living.

"I see a license plate hit in this neighborhood, and I do work on the Internet and find out they have a relative who lives in that neighborhood and find it at that address," Peterson said. "There's a lot of different ways I can use the information."

Minnesota law makes all data collected by the government public, unless it is specifically classified otherwise. Minneapolis dutifully turns over the information to anyone who asks.

But earlier in December, the city abruptly changed its approach and asked the state to issue an order rendering the data private for the next two years while it lobbies the Legislature to change the law.

"It became clear to us that this was creating a real risk to public safety," said Susan Segal, city attorney.

Segal said the license plate readers are designed to help police find criminals and stolen cars. In the wrong hands, the data they collect could be used to commit crimes.

"Victims of domestic abuse, for example, don't want their batterers to know where they're living or where they may be working," Segal told Minnesota Public Radio News.

The city is also concerned about the increasing amounts of data being requested.

In addition to inquiries about specific license plates, Minneapolis also received numerous requests for the entire database. Earlier this month, it released a file containing some 2.1 million records covering a three-month period.

Nine people received the database. One of them was Mark Pitts of Rogers, who is finishing up a master's degree in statistics.

"And so I thought it would be an interesting data set for my master's project, and it turned about to be a very interesting dataset as you know," Pitts said.

Eight of the license plate scanners are attached to police cars. Pitts said the scanners don't just record the locations of nearby vehicles; they also record the movements of the police.

"And so you can literally see everywhere they went. I can tell you when they stopped for lunch. I can tell you when they met at the hospital," Pitts said. "There's a lot more information about their activities and movements in this data then there are about any single individual."

That's why Pitts supports making the data private. But some of the other people who have examined the data disagree.

Arthur D'Antonio, 25, is a California-based Web developer who has requested similar data from other cities around the country. He is exploring whether the data have commercial applications.

"I personally believe that the data shouldn't be being stored on innocent people at all. But I also believe that if it is, we're paying for that," D'Antonio said. "And so anybody should be able to use it for whatever legal purpose they want to use it for."

D'Antonio hasn't figured out exactly how to make money using the data, but the fact that automobile repossession companies have been using it, suggests one possibility, he said.

"Is there any way that we could have made it so that that guy could have obtained that data, quicker, more efficiently, maybe even on the go?" D'Antonio said. "That makes his business that much more successful. He can maybe hire more people. If there's opportunity, I think everybody should be looking to seize it."

But researchers and entrepreneurs looking for opportunities in the license plate scanner databases may have missed their chance, at least for now.

A recently-issued administrative order classifies the data as private for at least the next three months. It applies to Minneapolis and any other Minnesota cities that collect this data. And the Legislature will likely consider whether to make the data private permanently.

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7 p.m. for $4 donation and a coffee house after. Call 352-746-6200.

● Gulf to Lake Church Ministry Complex, West Gulf-to-Lake Highway in Crystal River. Dinner at 6 p.m. Fridays, followed by large- and small-group time and a Coffee Café at 9. Call 352-586-4709.

■ **Nature Coast Ministries** seeks to help the homeless and hurting of Citrus County. We offer referrals to Celebrate Recovery, call 352-563-1860.

■ **Overcomers Group** for people recovering from addictions to drugs, alcohol or other out-of-control habits, 8 p.m. Mondays at the Sanctuary, 7463 Grover Cleveland Blvd. Call Paul at 352-628-2874.

■ **Dunnellon Life Recovery** group for adults where addiction, compulsion and codependency issues are dealt with, at 7 p.m. Mondays at Rainbow Springs Village Church, 20222 S.W. 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon. Call Char at 352-465-1644 or Nancy at 352-794-0017.

■ SPRING HILL — **Parkinson's Tai Chi Group**, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the private dining room at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Spring Hill. Call Charissa Haffner at 352-346-8864.

Organizations

■ **Alzheimer's Association**-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter affiliated support groups are for family members, caregivers and others interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. Meetings are open to everyone and free of charge. To arrange free respite care so you can attend a group, call the Hernando office at 352-688-4537 or 800-772-8672.

● Website: www.alzsupport.com — Live chat every Wednesday at noon. Message boards open at all times to post questions and leave replies. Join the Alzheimer's Association online community at www.alz.org/living_with_alzheimers_message_boards_lwa.asp.

● Brooksville: Lykes Memorial County Library, 238 Howell Ave.; 2:30 p.m. first Friday monthly. Call Jerry Fisher at 352-688-4537.

● Brooksville: Oak Hill Hospital Senior Partners, 11361 Cortez Blvd.; 2:30 p.m. first Thursday monthly. Call Jerry Fisher at 352-688-4537.

● Spring Hill: The Residence at Timber Pines, 3140 Forest Road; 2 p.m. third Monday monthly. Call Diane Koenig at 352-683-9009 or The Residence at 352-683-9009. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

■ **First United Methodist Church** of Homosassa has several support groups that run on a monthly basis. All groups are open to the public and free of charge, and meet at 1 p.m. in Room 203 in the Administration Building:

● First Monday: diabetic support group.

● Second Monday: Alzheimer's/dementia caregivers support group.

● Fourth Monday: stroke survivors support group.

● Memory Lane Respite offered weekly for people with Alzheimer's/dementia. Anyone bringing a loved one for the first time is encouraged to come early to fill out information forms. Call 352-628-4083 for meeting dates.

■ **Citrus Memorial Health System** is a 198-bed, not-for-profit community hospital that provides health care services to residents of Citrus County and surrounding communities. Support group meetings are in the CMHS Administration Building unless indicated.

● ACS Man to Man Prostate Support and Education Program, 11:30 a.m. the second Wednesday monthly. Meetings are in the conference room at the Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute at 522 N. Lecanto Highway in the Allen Ridge Medical Mall.

Call 352-527-0106.

● AHEC Quit Smoking Group: 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Allen Ridge Medical Mall, 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Call 813-929-1000, ext. 213.

● Breast Cancer Support Group: 11:30 a.m. the second Friday, Robert Boissoneault Cancer Institute. Call Judy Bonard at 352-527-4389.

● Citrus Cancer Support: 4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday, cafeteria meeting room. Call Carol at 352-726-1551, ext. 6596 or ext. 3329.

● Cancer Support: at Cancer Treatment Center. Call Jeannette at 352-746-1100 for date and time.

● Diabetes Support Group: Call Carol McHugh, R.N., at 352-341-6110 for details.

● Head and Neck Cancer Support: Robert Boissoneault Cancer Institute. Contact Wendy Hall at 352-527-0106.

● Heart-Healthy Eating Workshop: 1:30 to 3 p.m. second Wednesday every other month, CMHS Medical Office Building. Call 352-560-6266 or 352-344-6538 to register.

● Look Good Feel Better Group: monthly at Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, Allen Ridge Medical Mall, 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetology Association and the Personal Care Products Council. A licensed cosmetologist is present to advise women about many issues. For dates, times, more information or to register, call the American Cancer Society at 800-395-5665.

● Mended Hearts Support Group: 10 a.m. second Friday, Gulf Room at CMHS Historic Building. Call Cardiovascular Services at 352-344-6416.

● Ostomy Support: 2 p.m. third Sunday, Cypress Room at CMHS Historic Building. Call Steve Spielman at 352-229-4202, Sue Penner at 352-560-7918, Sharon Brummer at 352-382-4446 or Betty or Mel Shipley at 352-341-0005.

● Stroke Support Group of Citrus County: 3 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, CMHS Annex Building conference room, State Road 44 across from Walgreens. Call 352-344-6596 or 352-344-1646.

■ **Hospice of Citrus County** support groups and workshops.

Call 866-642-0962 or 352-527-2348 for information.

Grief workshops:

● 1 p.m. Thursday — Hospice of Citrus County Clinical Office, 326. S. Line Ave., Inverness.

● 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday — Newly Bereaved Grief Workshop, Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

Grief support groups:

● 11 a.m. Tuesday — Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Parish Life Center, 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills.

● 9 a.m. Wednesday — Grief's Journey ... A Walking Group, Whispering Pines Park (Parking Area E).

● 10 a.m. Thursday — Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

● 2 p.m. second Thursday — Hospice of the Nature Coast Levy Office, 24-B County Road 40 E., Inglis.

● 10:30 a.m. Saturday — First United Methodist Church, 831 Bradshaw St., Homosassa.

Evening support groups (for working people):

● 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, newly bereaved — Hospice of Citrus County Clinical Office, 326 Line Ave., Inverness.

Social support:

● 10 a.m. Tuesday — Frank's Family Restaurant, 2780 N. Florida Ave., Hernando.

● 1 p.m. first Thursday — Mulligan's Grill (formerly Mango Grill), 1305 Norvell Bryant Highway (C.R. 486), Hernando.

● 11:30 a.m. third Tuesday — LIFT luncheon (widows/widowers), Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club.

Call 352-621-1500, ext. 1728 for reservations.

Wings education series:

● "4th Tuesdays @ 2" — Wings Education Center, 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane, Homosassa.

● Teen Encounter and Camp Good Hope — Camps for grieving children/teens offered in April and October.

● Suicide Survivors Support Group, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays at the Hospice of Citrus County Hospice House, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto.

The group is free and open to the public. Participants need not be hospice families. For information, call Lynn Miller at 352-527-2020.

Hospice of Citrus County/Hospice of the Nature Coast licensed 1985, is a not-for-profit charitable organization providing comprehensively responsive and compassionate end-of-life services to the terminally ill and their families in 12 counties of North Central Florida. It also provides grief support services for children and adults in the community.

■ **HPH Hospice,** in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, offers Caregivers Support Groups for caregivers of dementia or Alzheimer's patients to provide information, education and emotional support in a safe, comforting and confidential environment.

There is no charge, and everyone is welcome to join. Call Sue Piatek at 352-527-4600 with questions.

● First Tuesday, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Fatima, 550 S. U.S. 41, Inverness.

● Second Monday, 1 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

● Fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m., Emeritus at Barrington Place, 2341 W. Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486 east of C.R. 491), Lecanto. Free respite care provided, call to reserve.

● Weekly ongoing **Bereavement Group** from HPH Hospice and St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, available to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1071 N. Suncoast Blvd. (U.S. 19), Crystal River. There is no cost to attend. Call Paul Winstead at 352-527-4600.

HPH Hospice, a nonprofit agency initially licensed in 1984, provides, care, comfort and support to individuals affected by a life-limiting illness in Citrus County. In addition to its office in Beverly Hills, it has a Hospice House on Norvell Bryant Highway in Lecanto for patients with limited caregiving assistance and a Hospice Care Center in Citrus Health & Rehabilitation Center in Inverness for patients with complicated pain and symptoms.

■ SPRING HILL — **Oak Hill Hospital** H2U Partner's Club support groups meet on the campus of Oak Hill Hospital, 11375 Cortez Blvd., Spring Hill.

● Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group — 2 p.m. first Thursday monthly, Jerry Fischer, facilitator.

● Diabetes Support Group — 10 am. second Monday monthly, Kim Palmer, facilitator.

● Multiple Myeloma Support Group — 5:30 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, Diane Terry, facilitator.

● Kidney Education Support Group — 2:30 p.m. third Wednesday monthly, Mary Jane Talty, facilitator.

● Epilepsy Support Group — 3 p.m. fourth Saturday monthly, Lillian Rojas, facilitator.

● Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Support Group — 6:30 p.m. fourth Wednesday monthly, Lordes Arvelo, facilitator.

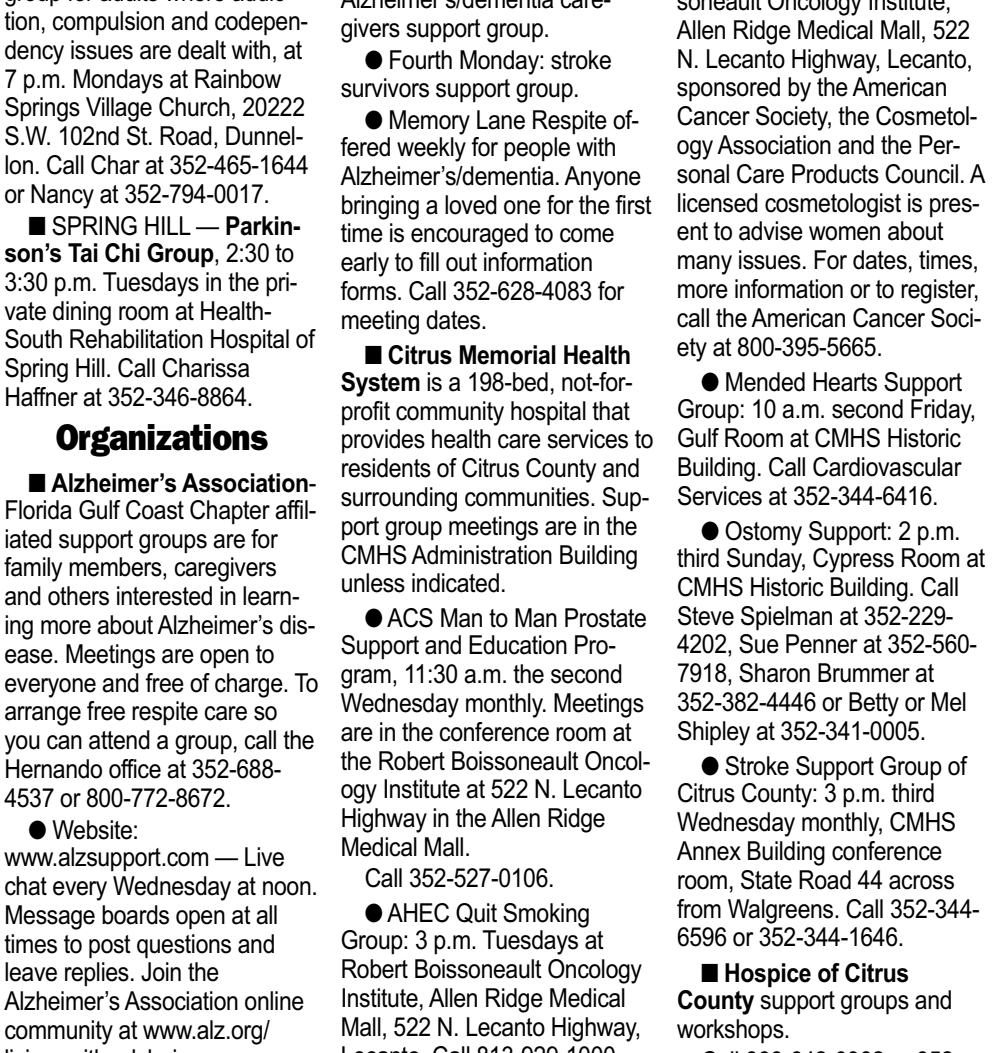
● Crohn's Disease Support Group — 6 p.m. the last Thursday monthly, Isaiah Del Pilar, facilitator.

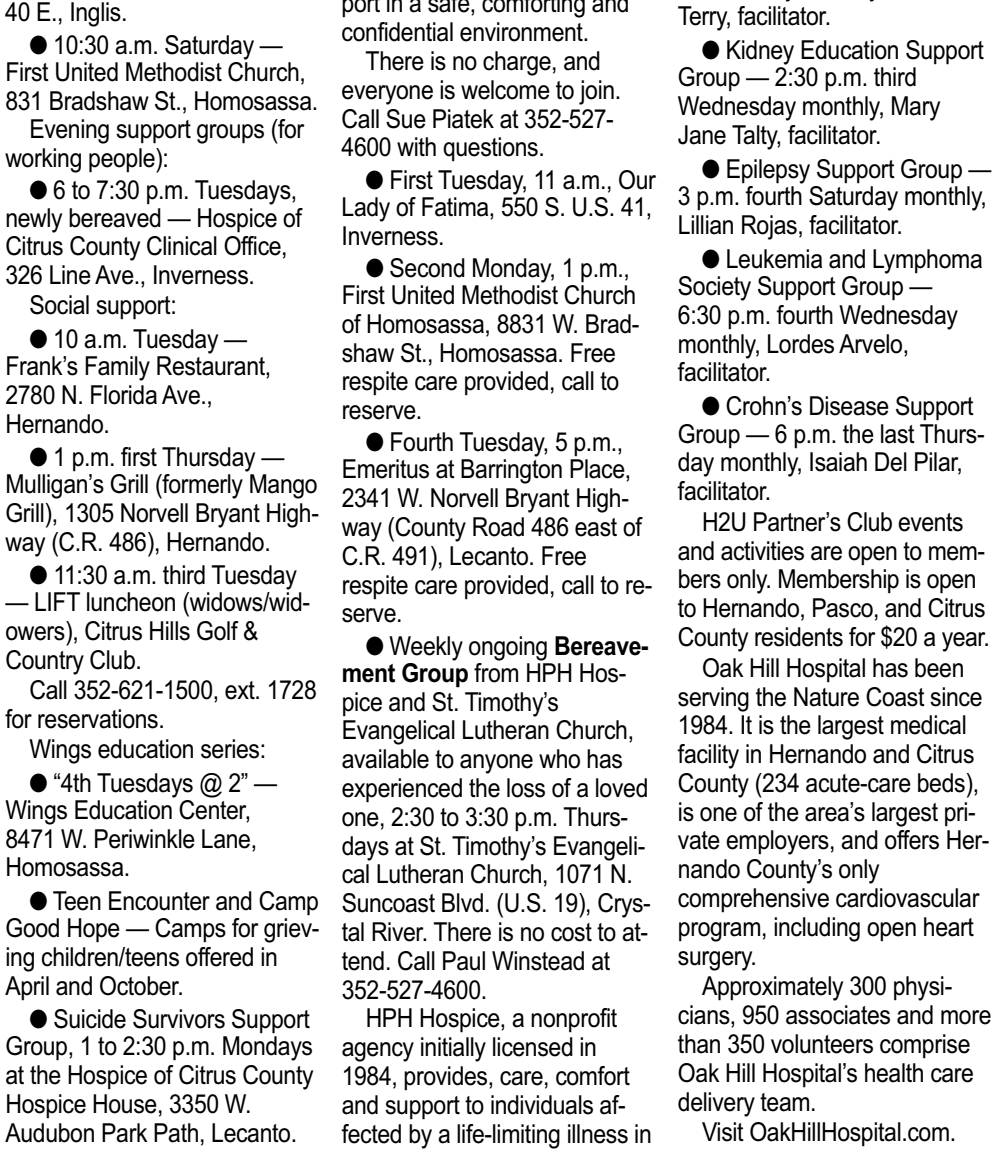
H2U Partner's Club events and activities are open to members only. Membership is open to Hernando, Pasco, and Citrus County residents for $20 a year.

Oak Hill Hospital has been serving the Nature Coast since 1984. It is the largest medical facility in Hernando and Citrus County (234 acute-care beds), is one of the area's largest private employers, and offers Hernando County's only comprehensive cardiovascular program, including open heart surgery.

Approximately 300 physicians, 950 associates and more than 350 volunteers comprise Oak Hill Hospital's health care delivery team.

Visit OakHillHospital.com.





Pentagon debuts float in Rose parade to honor vets

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — It's been almost 60 years since James McEachin returned home with a bullet still lodged in his chest, finding an America indifferent toward the troops who fought in Korea. Now he will get the homecoming parade he had expected.

The Defense Department for the first time will put a float in Pasadena's Tournament of Roses — one of the most watched parades — to commemorate the veterans from a conflict that still casts a shadow over the world.

"I think it's a magnificent gesture and it cures a lot of ills," said McEachin, who will be among six veterans who will ride on the float Tuesday. The 82-year-old author and actor starred in Perry Mason TV movies, among other things.

The $247,000 flower-covered float will be a replica of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Pentagon's debut comes ahead of events marking the 60th anniversary of the July 1953 armistice that halted the bloodshed but did not declare peace.

Col. David Clark said the Pentagon decided to seize the opportunity to sponsor one of the 42 floats in the 124-year-old New Year's Day parade to raise awareness about what has been called "The Forgotten War."

It has taken decades for the success of the war's efforts to be recognized, and the department wanted to remind Americans about the sacrifices that were made by the veterans, most of whom are now in their 80s, Clark said.

The war resulted in South Korea developing into a thriving democratic ally in sharp contrast to its bitterly poor, communist neighbor that is seen as a global threat.

"As a nation, this may be our last opportunity to say 'thank you' to them and honor their service," said Clark, director of the department's 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

The war began when North Korea invaded the South to try to reunify the nation, a liberated Japanese colony sliced in two in 1945 by the U.S. and Soviet victors of World War II.

North Korea had the upper hand at first, almost pushing a weak South Korean-U.S. force off the peninsula, but then U.S. reinforcements poured in and pushed them back.

Then, in late 1950, communist China stepped in and the Americans and South Koreans were forced back to the peninsula's midsection. The two sides battled there for two years before ending with a stalemate.

"We didn't march home in victory. We did what we were supposed to do, which is stop this aggressive force called communism," said McEachin, a Silver Star recipient.

Edward Chang, director of the Young Oak Kim Center for Korean American Studies at the University of California, Riverside, said U.S. intervention gave South Korea the opportunity to become one of the world's major economies.

"Most Americans simply are not aware of what is happening in Korea and how it happened," he said.

More than 36,000 U.S. service members were killed in the conflict, and millions overall.

The government did not talk to troops at the time about how pivotal the war was in stopping communism. After the victory in World War II, the Korean conflict seemed to almost provoke shame for Americans, McEachin said.

The American public also felt no connection to the fighting in a faraway Asian country, unlike during World War II when airwaves filled with patriotic fight songs, he said.

McEachin not only returned to indifference but discrimination as an African American soldier.

After the plane carrying returning troops was delayed in Montana by snow, he was turned away from a hotel where his fellow white soldiers were staying.

Korea was the first conflict in which all U.S. military units were integrated racially. Clark said the float's veterans reflect that important historical milestone.

Clark said it's important Americans learn the war's history because the problem is ever present, a point driven home by the heavily mined armistice line, a 2.5-mile-wide demilitarized strip stretching 135 miles across the peninsula.

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increased risk of sudden cardiac death (SCD). This is based upon research recently published online Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology.

In this study, researchers from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, prospectively examined the link between cigarette smoking and smoking cessation on the risk of SCD among 101,018 women from the Nurses' Health Study without CHD, stroke, or cancer at baseline in 1980.

During 30 years of follow-up, the researchers identified 351 SCD events. After controlling for coronary risk factors, current smokers had a significant increased risk of SCD compared with those who had never smoked at all.

Among current smokers, the quantity of cigarettes smoked daily and smoking duration were significantly linked to SCD risk in their analysis. The risk of SCD was significantly increased even with small-to-moderate amounts of cigarette consumption (one to 14 per day), and with every five years of continued smoking.

After quitting, there was a steady and marked decrease in the risk of SCD over time, and after 20 years of cessation, the risk was equivalent to that of a person who had never smoked.

It is clear that there is a relationship between smoking and SCD, and even small-to-moderate quantities of daily smoking were associated with SCD risk. This adds even more fuel to the fire of doubling our efforts toward smoking cessation for all women to prevent SCD.

Dr. C. Joseph Bennett is a board-certified radiation oncologist and a member of the Citrus County Unit of the American Cancer Society. Watch "Navigating Cancer" on WYKE TV at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and at 10 a.m. Thursdays. If you have any suggestions for topics, or have any questions, contact him at 522 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461, or email cjbennett@rboi.com.

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etc. Obesity is calculated by Body Mass Index or BMI and try to keep it below 25.

2. Eat healthy: Try to eat five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Servings are small size, e.g. one small apple may make one serving. Limit intake of red meat and processed meat. Choose whole grains over processed (refined) grains.

3. Exercise: As per the American Cancer Society, engage in at least 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity, above usual activities, on five or more days of the week; 45 to 60 minutes of intentional physical activity are preferable. This helps as follows:

- Helps control weight.
- Maintains healthy bones, muscles and joints.
- Reduces the risk of developing high blood pressure and diabetes.
- Promotes psychological well-being.
- Reduces the risk of death from heart disease.

4. Smoking: Smoking is the commonest cause of cancer. It causes many cancers including lung, oral cavity, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, bladder, stomach, cervix, kidney and pancreas, and acute myeloid leukemia.

All of these help improve health and cut down risk of cancer. Please consider them.

It also damages the lungs and heart. Therefore, all smokers should try this year to quit smoking. If you are a nonsmoker, avoid second-hand smoke.

5. Alcohol: If you do not drink alcohol, do not start it for health benefits. If you drink it, drink no more than one drink per day for women or two per day for men.

6. Screening: In general, the earlier we detect cancer, the more curable it is. For women, regular mammograms and pap smears are very important. There is some controversy about screening PSA in men. Both men and women should get a colonoscopy after the age of 50. If you are a smoker or you quit smoking recently (less than the past 15 to 20 years), recent recommendations suggest screening spiral low dose CT scan of the lungs once a year.

Please make a resolution that you will follow all current screening guidelines for cancer. You can learn this in detail from the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/Healthy/FindCancerEarly/CancerScreeningGuidelines/american-cancer-society-guidelines-for-the-early-detection-of-cancer.

These are some suggestions for New Year's resolutions. Some are easy and some may not be easy. All of these help to improve health and cut down on the risk of cancer. Please consider them.

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canal. I cannot remember the last time I had a complication with a root canal that lead to disappointment. If this were to happen, the likelihood of the problem is usually known ahead of time and does not come as a surprise.

■ **Adult Orthodontics (braces)** — many adults shy away from braces. As long as you have an orthodontist who is comfortable with adult braces, you will be amazed with the outcome you can have — and what a difference it can make in your smile.

■ **A New Set of Dentures** — Dentures have come a long way through the years. They can look like real teeth and can take years off of your appearance. And the fit and comfort that new technology provides will surprise you.

■ **Implants** — Implants have finally made it to the status of routine dentistry. There was a time when I could not say this. As long as you have a good surgeon who works closely with the restoring dentist, implants are predicable. They should always be included in your set of options.

■ **Whitening** — If you are looking for whiter teeth and you are in a hurry, you can have in-office whitening. If you have the time, at-home whitening works just as predictably and can save you some money. The days of sensitivity are few and far between. In the event of sensitivity, there are many solutions we have to offer to relieve any discomfort.

■ **New Patient Exam** — You might shy away from an exam because you are worried about what you might hear. The truth is it is better to know what is going on, get your options and make a plan to get you to optimum oral health. I cannot tell you how many times a patient says to me they wish they had done it sooner. Dentistry has so many options to improve oral health and appearance. Take that first step and get your exam — you won't be disappointed.

I hope this has helped some of you make that resolution to call your dental office for an appointment. I wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

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not available. However they certainly do not do as well as plain old soap and water. In some instances people think antibacterial soap is better than plain soap, but the downside is that it may promote drug resistant bacteria in the future.

Men tend to be more resistant in taking up regular good hand cleaning techniques. It seems sometimes that men are offended at the idea, but they sometimes take the attitude that there are germs everywhere, and that their bodies are not particularly dirty when they use the bathroom, so why bother? The difference is, if you wash your hands, you are less likely to have gastrointestinal or respiratory illnesses. Studies have been done for years, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been warning us about the connection between hand washing and reduction of infection.

It is true: germs are everywhere. You may not have them, but you will certainly pick them up when you flush the toilet, or touch door handles. We will never be able to escape germs — they are in the environment — but better hand washing techniques, and the invention of 'no touch' motion sensing faucets, soap dispensers, and towel dispensers have made it very convenient to wash away the germs.

We could all do a better job washing our hands and reducing health care costs, as well as sparing people the agony of being sick. Millions, if not billions of dollars could be saved with good hand washing techniques. Think about that the next time you are at a bowl-game party, with a bunch of friends, and you put your hand in a bowl of chips. You certainly would appreciate the person before you if he had just washed his hands.

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Scrapbooking classes start Jan. 9

Get your scrapbooking on with Sherrie Geick, at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness. Geick will show how to put memories together in a scrapbook to be treasured by friends and family far into the future.

Participants must bring supplies. Cost is $25 for an all-day class, or $12.50 for a half day on Saturdays: Jan. 9, Feb. 16, April 20, May 18, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.

For more information, call 352-726-3913 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Wisconsinites plan luncheon Jan. 9

The Wisconsin Social Club welcomes back its snowbirds. The club's luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Crystal Point Club House off North Citrus Avenue in DeRosa.

The luncheons bring together many former Wisconsinites, and snowbirds bring back news updates about what is now happening in Wisconsin.

All those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share. New members are always welcome. For more information, call Joyce at 352-860-1292.

Native plant club to meet in B.H.

The Citrus Native Plant Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Beverly Hills Lions Club.

Guest speaker will be Merritt "Bryce" Garling of Merritt Garling Landscape and Hardscape Services. He will be speaking on the topic of Florida's native cactus. Included in the presentation will be information on potting, planting, grafting, pest and propagation.

NYC Transit retirees convene

New York City Transit Retirees of Florida Chapter No. 9, Citrus County, will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Beverly Hills Community Building, 1 Civic Circle.

All those retired from the New York City Transit System who reside in Citrus County are welcome. Also, any retirees from the NYC Transit System visiting locally are welcome. After the meeting, refreshments will be served.

For more information, call President Clarence Redd at 352-527-8418 or Secretary Clarisse D'Adamo at 352-527-2508.

Precious Paws ADOPTABLE

Kitties

Special to the Chronicle

Kittens as sweet and cute as you can imagine are waiting for that special loving home. Most kittens have talents that we as humans can only imagine. Their acrobatic skills are amazing and entertaining, and after a strenuous performance they will curl up for a quick nap, wake up and look for a little loving. Kittens and cats are available for adoption at the Pet Supermarket on State Road 44 in Inverness during regular store hours. The Crystal River Mall adoption center is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. View pets at www.preciouspaws florida.com, or call 352-726-4700.

Souper competition

Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club slates contest, sale

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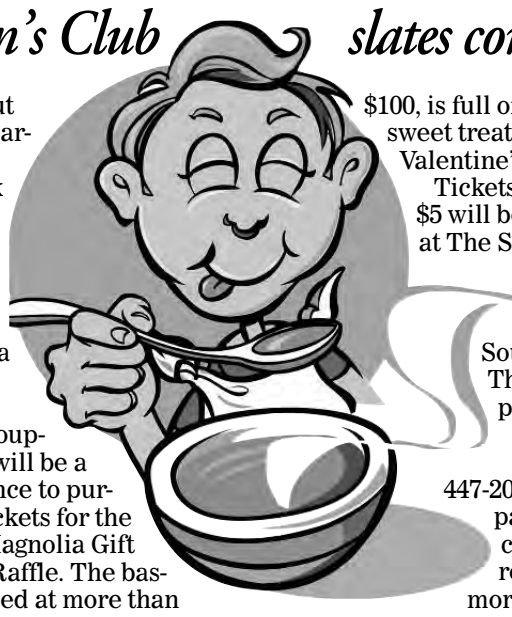

The Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club's annual Soup-A-Thon and Bake Sale will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Everyone is invited to enter their favorite soup to vie for the title of "Souper Chef."

Call now to reserve a spot to win a cash prize of $50 for first place, $25 for second place and $10 for third place. Space is limited to the first 30 soups registered.

The clubhouse on 56th Street becomes an old-fashioned county fair, where everyone can join friends and neighbors to sample the delicious soups and vote for a favorite. Visit the Second To None Thrift Shoppe to check out the new arrivals and pick up some homemade treats at Sweet Magnolia Confections.

The Soup-A-Thon will be a last chance to purchase tickets for the Sweet Magnolia Gift Basket Raffle. The basket, valued at more than $100, is full of beauty products and sweet treats just in time for Valentine's Day.

Tickets at $2 each, or three for $5 will be on sale starting Jan. 2 at The Second To None Thrift Shoppe, Thursday bingo or at the Soup-A-Thon on Jan. 19. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. after the "Souper Chef" is crowned.

Call the club at 352-447-2057, visit its FaceBook page or email yiwomans club@gmail.com to register a soup or for more information.

Birds' Binocular Brigade

Be on the lookout for the Binocular Brigade on Friday, Jan. 4. If you live within 7.5 miles of the Crystal River Airport you stand a good chance of seeing one or more of the 40-plus volunteers who will be out and about counting birds. According to Darrell Snedecor, pictured, president of the Citrus County Audubon Society, "the 113th Christmas Bird Count is a national event conducted in over 2,000 locations, and members of our local birding community have dedicated the entire day to surveying our bird population. This annual effort provides valuable data concerning the ongoing health and viability of our 120-plus bird species and, indirectly, the long-term condition of our environment." So if you see a car with people sporting binoculars and the "Audubon Christmas Bird Count" sign on the door, give them a wave of encouragement.

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Rescue continues spay, neuter program

Special to the Chronicle

Precious Paws Rescue continues its low-cost spay and neuter program into 2013 and now offers a second site to purchase vouchers.

Greta's Touch Grooming and Doggie Day Care at 7360 S. Florida Ave. in Floral City will sell the vouchers during regular store hours Monday through Friday. Vouchers are also available at the PPR Crystal River Mall Adoption Center from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

The voucher price for dogs is based on their weight, starting at $25 to neuter a male dog up to 50 pounds, and range from $30 to $60 to spay a female dog. Cat spays are $20 and the neuter fee is $10. These surgeries are funded by a combination of discounted surgical fees provided by the Floral City Veterinary Hospital, voucher purchase by pet owners with the remaining costs made up by Precious Paws Rescue donations.

The pet owner is responsible to make a surgery appointment directly with the FCVH and transport the pet, along with the voucher, to and from FCVH. Any additional veterinary services must be arranged by the owner and paid for at the FCVH appointment.

Precious Paws Rescue is an all-volunteer charity organization dedicated to reducing pet over-population. Between 4 and 5 million pets are euthanized every year in U.S. shelters. For more information, to make a donation or to volunteer, call 352-726-4700.

Beginning new year with much to do

January's Spotlight of Events features several activities for the community organizations.

■ The public is invited to attend the Crystal River Christian Women's January luncheon at noon Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Linda Dumond will give a Bob Ross painting demonstration, and Nada Decker, inspirational speaker, will pose the question: "Have you ever felt invisible or un-needed?" For luncheon reservations, call Ginny at 352-746-7616.

■ All retired educators and school personnel are invited to attend the Jan. 14 meeting of the Citrus County Retired Educators at 1 p.m. in room 115 of the Withlacoochee Technical Institute in Inverness.

Tom Chancey will present the program on the Citrus County Community Food Bank. The Culinary Arts students of the school will provide the refreshments. Call President Cindy Pifer at 352-746-2866, or Ethel Winn, membership chair, at 352-795-2533 for membership information.

■ Tom Slagle will give a Nature Coast Ministries presentation at the Jan. 7 dinner meeting of the Crystal River Kings Bay Lions Club at 6 p.m. at Oysters Restaurant in Crystal River. All visiting Lions are welcome.

For dinner reservations, call Janice at 352-795-5816. For membership information, call Phyllis Smith at 352-382-3544.

Ruth Levins
AROUND THE COMMUNITY

■ The West Citrus Ladies of the Elks Spring Fashion Show Luncheon will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the lodge at 7890 Grover Cleveland Blvd., Homosassa. For reservations, call Anne at 352-382-1848.

■ The Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club Military Card Party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Crystal River Woman's Club. Refreshments will be served. For reservations, call Judy at 352-746-0636 by Jan. 9.

■ Call the Art Center Theater box office at 352-746-7606 for tickets to their presentation of "Nunsense," to be presented Jan. 11 to 20.

■ VFW Post 4252 and the Ladies Auxiliary will host Cancer Society Aid and Research Benefit Speed Bingo beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. Call 352-726-5206.

■ The GFWC Inverness Woman's Club will host "Night With an Author" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Citrus County Historical Courthouse Museum. It will benefit the club's scholarship fund. For tickets, call 352-634-4216.

■ Our Lady of Grace and Knights of Columbus Council 6168 blood drive will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, in the church Parish Life Center. Call Leonard at 352-746-3791.

■ The 26th annual Manatee Festival will be Jan. 19 and 20 in Crystal River. For more information, call the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at 352-795-3149.

■ The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, in Crystal River. Call Bea at 352-419-5255.

To appear in the February Spotlight of Events, call 352-795-3006, or write to P.O. Box 803, Crystal River, FL 34423-0803 by Jan. 15.

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

News NOTES

Jazz Society to host jam session

The Citrus Jazz Society will host its monthly Open Jam Session from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Catholic Charities Citrus Community Outreach Center, formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall in Homosassa Springs.

The jam session features local and visiting musicians playing old favorites, jazz, swing and Dixieland for listening and dancing pleasure.

The public is invited; $7 donation at the door for non-members is requested. Bring your own refreshments.

Musicians interested in playing may call Tony Caruso at 352-942-9399.

Genealogical group to gather

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto.

The topic will be "Sharing Our Ancestral Heritage." This will be a "show-and-tell" program. Members are asked to bring an item to share: something that once belonged to an ancestor, a document, photo or story about an ancestor. Guests are welcome.

For more information, call Mary Ann Machonkin at 352-382-5515, or go to www.citrusgenealogy.com. Model railroaders to meet Jan. 8

The Citrus Model Railroad Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Robinson Horticulture Building of the Citrus County Fairgrounds.

The January meeting is the annual business meeting where budget, work, preparations for the fair and more are covered.

For more information, call Bob Penrod at 352-797-6315.

Jewelry-making classes on tap

The Citrus Springs Library will add a new monthly meeting focusing on jewelry-making to its calendar.

On the second Wednesday of every month, Edna Mikel will teach a class on how to make their own beaded jewelry.

Students will learn how to make bracelets, necklaces and earrings. The classes will be at 1 p.m. every second Wednesday.

For more information, call 352-489-2313. The library is at 1826 W. Country Club Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

Clubs need help with children

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County seeks volunteers and mentors who have a desire to make a positive difference in the life of a child. Volunteers and mentors can make that difference.

Mentors are needed at the Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club in Beverly Hills and the Robert Halleen Boys & Girls Club in Homosassa.

Volunteers are always needed at all sites. Mentors will be assigned to work with a specific child or children.

Volunteers may present special projects, help with homework, play games, read stories, or simply "hang out" with kids, interacting with them.

Both volunteers and mentors will have training. All who work directly with children must pass a background clearance check.

Other volunteers are needed to help with office work, assist with fundraising events, aid with maintenance at club sites, or, if experienced, help with grant writing.

For more information about volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County, call 352-621-9225.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.
■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.
■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 352-563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.
■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.
■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 2013

C: Comcast, Citrus B: Bright House D/I: Comcast, Dunnellon & Inglis F: Oak Forest H: Holiday Heights

	C	B	D/I	F	H	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
2 (WESH) NBC	19		19			News	News	Ent	Access	Betty	Betty	Betty	Betty	Parenthood (N) '14'		News	Jay Leno
3 (WEDU) PBS	3	3		14	6	World News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) (In Stereo) CC		Great Performances The Vienna Philharmonic performs. (N) 'G'			Great Performances Jewish artists excel on Broadway. (N) 'PG'			New Tricks "Dockers" 'PG' CC	
5 (WUFT) PBS	5		5	5	41	Journal	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Great Performances (N) 'G'			Great Performances (N) 'PG'			World	T. Smiley
8 (WFLA) NBC	8	8	8	8	8	News	Nightly News	NewsChannel 8	Entertainment Ton.	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	Parenthood "Keep on Rowing" (N) '14'		News	Jay Leno
9 (WFTV) ABC	20	20	20			News	World News	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank 'PG' CC (DVS)		Happy Endings	Apartment 23	Nashville (In Stereo) 'PG' CC (DVS)		Eyewit. News	Nightline (N) CC
10 (WTSP) CBS	10	10	10	10	10	10 News, 6pm (N)	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N) 'G'	NCIS "Extreme Prejudice" (In Stereo) '14'		NCIS: Los Angeles "Betrayal" '14'		Vegas A maid is murdered. '14' CC		10 News, 11pm (N)	Letterman
13 (WTVT) FOX	13	13		13	13	News	Fox 13 Special	TMZ (N) 'PG'	The Insider (N)	Ben and Kate '14'	Ben and Kate '14'	New Girl '14' CC	New Girl '14' CC	FOX13 10:00 News (N) (In Stereo) CC		News	Access Hollyw'd
20 (WCJB) ABC	11		11	4		News	ABC	Ent	Inside Ed.	Shark Tank 'PG'		Happy	Apt. 23	Nashville 'PG'		News	Nightline
22 (WCLF) IND	2	2	2	22	22	Christian Fitness	Today	Kenneth Hagin	Great Awakening		Word of	Place for Miracles	A. Wommack	Perry Stone	Life Today	Purpose for Life	Great Awaken
28 (WFTS) ABC		11		11	11	News	World News	The List (N) 'PG'	Let's Ask America	Shark Tank 'PG' CC (DVS)		Happy Endings	Apartment 23	Nashville (In Stereo) 'PG' CC (DVS)		News	Nightline (N) CC
32 (WMOR) IND	12	12			16	Family Guy '14'	Family Guy '14'	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Law & Order: Criminal Intent '14' CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent '14' CC		How I Met	How I Met	The Office 'PG'	The Office '14' CC
38 (WTTA) MNT	6	6	6	9	9	Raymond	Seinfeld	FamFeud	FamFeud	House '14' CC		House '14' CC		Seinfeld	Scrubs	Baggage	Excused
40 (WACX) TBN	21		21			Paid	The 700 Club (N) 'G'	Babers		Amazing	Manna	Voice	Paid	Studio Direct		Healing	Paid
44 (WTOG) CW	4	4	4	12	12	King of Queens	King of Queens	Two and Half Men	Engagement	Hart of Dixie (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Emily Owens, M.D. (N) (In Stereo) CC		Two and Half Men	Engagement	Friends '14' CC	Friends 'PG'
47 (WYKE) FAM	16	16	16		15	Crosswords	Citrus Today	County Court	Cancer	Every Minute	B. Cosby	Crook & Chase (In Stereo) 'G'		Windy City Poker		Mobil 1 The Grid	S. Rasmussen
51 (WOGX) FOX			13	7	7	Simpsons	Simpsons	Big Bang	Inside	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	New Girl	New Girl	FOX 35 News at 10		TMZ 'PG'	Access
62 (WVEA) UNI	15	15	15	15	14	Noticias	Notic.	Corona de Lágrimas		Por Ella Soy Eva '14'		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravío (N) '14'		Noticias	Noticiero
66 (WXPX) ION		17				Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Flashpoint 'PG'	
A&E	54	48	54	25	27	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage: NY	Storage: NY	Storage Wars 'PG'	Storage Wars 'PG'
AMC	55	64	55			The Walking Dead "Better Angels" '14'		The Walking Dead '14' CC		The Walking Dead "Seed" '14' CC		The Walking Dead "Sick" '14' CC		The Walking Dead "Walk With Me" '14'		The Walking Dead "Killer Within" '14'	
ANI	52	35	52	19	21	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Raised Wild "Dog Girl of Ukraine" 'PG'		Raised Wild (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Raised Wild "Bird Boy of Fiji" CC		Raised Wild "Dog Girl of Ukraine" 'PG'	
BET	96	19	96			★★ *"Meet the Browns"* (2008) CC		★★ *"Diary of a Mad Black Woman"* (2005, Comedy-Drama) Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris. 'PG-13' CC				★★½ *"Madea's Family Reunion"* (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood. 'PG-13' CC					
BRAVO	254	51	254			★★ *"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"*				Atlanta	Housewives/Atl.		Atlanta	Decorators		*"How to Lose"*	
CC	27	61	27		33	*"Coming-Amer."*	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC	Tosh.0 '14' CC
CMT	98	45	98	28	37	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba "Go Far" 'PG'	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Reba 'PG' CC	Redneck Island 'PG'	
CNBC	43	42	43			60 Minutes on CNBC		Steve Jobs: Bil.		60 Minutes on CNBC		American Greed		American Greed		Mob Money:	
CNN	40	29	40	41	46	The Situation Room		Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		Erin Burnett OutFront	
DISN	46	40	46	6	5	Shake It Up! 'G'	Good-Charlie	*"Girl vs. Monster"* (2012) Olivia Holt. A savvy teen must battle an immortal monster and her army. CC					*"Let It Shine"* (2012, Comedy-Drama) Tyler James Williams. (In Stereo) CC				*"Frenemies"*
ESPN	33	27	33	21	17	2013 Rose Bowl Stanford vs. Wisconsin. (N) (Live)					2013 Discover Orange Bowl Florida State vs. Northern Illinois. (N) (Live)						
ESPN2	34	28	34	43	49	SportsCenter (N)		NFL Live CC		ProFILE	ProFILE	NFL PrimeTime		NFL Live CC		SportsCenter (N)	
EWTN	95	70	95		48	Choices	Holiness	Daily Mass		Mother Angelica Live		Religious	Rosary	Footprints of God: Mary			Women
FAM	29	52	29	20	28	★★★ *"Dirty Dancing"* (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.					★★ *"Burlesque"* (2010) Cher. Premiere. A small-town gal finds her niche at a neoburlesque club. 'PG-13'					The 700 Club (In Stereo) 'PG' CC	
FLIX		118	170			★★ *"Deception"*	★★½ *"My Father, the Hero"* (1994) Gérard Depardieu. 'PG'			★★ *"The Crossing Guard"* (1995, Drama) Jack Nicholson. (In Stereo) 'R' CC				★★★ *"Ransom"* (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson. Premiere. (In Stereo) 'R' CC			
FNC	44	37	44		32	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
FOOD	26	56	26			My. Din	My. Din	Chopped		Chopped 'G'		Chopped		Chopped "Belly Up"		Chopped 'G'	
FSNFL	35	39	35			World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour		World Poker Tour	
FX	30	60	30		51	★★★ *"Easy A"* (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone, Penn Badgley. 'PG-13'				★★½ *"The Proposal"* (2009) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.				★★½ *"The Proposal"* (2009) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'			
GOLF	727	67	727			Golf				PGA Tour Golf Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Final Round.							PGA Golf
HALL	59	68	59	45	54	*"The Case for Christmas"* (2011, Fantasy) Dean Cain, Rachel Blanchard. CC				★★★ *"Moonlight and Mistletoe"* (2008, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure. 'NR' CC				*"Help for the Holidays"* (2012, Fantasy) Summer Glau, Eva La Rue. CC			
HBO	302	201	302	2	2	*"Breakin'-Rules"*	★★★ *"Puss in Boots"* (2011) Voices of Antonio Banderas.			★★★ *"Big Miracle"* (2012) John Krasinski. 'PG' CC			Les Miserables	★★★ *"The Debt"* (2010, Drama) Helen Mirren, Tom Wilkinson. (In Stereo) 'R' CC			
HBO2	303	202	303			★★★ *"Die Hard With a Vengeance"* (1995) Bruce Willis. (In Stereo) 'R' CC				★★½ *"The Big Year"* (2011, Comedy) Steve Martin. 'PG' CC			The Big Year	★★★ *"Beginners"* (2010, Drama) Ewan McGregor. (In Stereo) 'R' CC			
HGTV	23	57	23	42	52	RV 2013 (N) 'G'		HGTV Dream Home		Love It or List It 'G'		Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Island	Island
HIST	51	25	51	32	42	Swamp People "Never Say Die" 'PG'		Swamp People "Cold-Blooded" 'PG'		Swamp People "King of the Swamp" 'PG'		Swamp People "Man Down" 'PG' CC		Swamp People 'PG' CC		Swamp People "Endgame" 'PG' CC	
LIFE	24	38	24		31	Dance Moms 'PG' CC		Dance Moms 'PG' CC		Dance Moms Special		Dance Moms (Season Premiere) Abby holds an open audition. (N)			Double Divas (N)	Dance Moms Special	
LMN		50	119			*"Secrets of Eden"* (2012, Crime Drama) John Stamos, Anna Gunn. 'NR' CC				*"The Surrogacy Trap"* (2013, Drama) Adam Reid. Premiere. 'NR' CC				★★★ *"My Neighbor's Keeper"* (2007, Drama) Laura Harring. 'NR' CC			
MAX	320	221	320	3	3	Hunted Sam awakes in the hospital. 'MA'		Hunted "Polyhedrus" 'MA' CC		Hunted "Khyber" (In Stereo) 'MA' CC		Hunted Sam is exposed as a spy. 'MA'		★★½ *"Cowboys & Aliens"* (2011) Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) 'NR' CC			
MSNBC	42	41	42			PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	
NGC	109	65	109	44	53	Doomsday Preppers '14'		Doomsday Preppers '14'		Doomsday Preppers '14'		Doomsday Preppers (N) '14'		Diggers (N) 'PG'	Diggers (N) 'PG'	Doomsday Preppers '14'	
NICK	28	36	28	35	25	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Marvin	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends
OWN	103	62	103			Prison Diaries '14'		Prison Diaries '14'		Unfaithful: Stories		Unfaithful: Stories		In the Bedroom		Unfaithful: Stories	
OXY		44	123			Top Model		Top Model		Top Model		Top Model		Model	Top Model		Top
SHOW	340	241	340		4	*"School of Rock"*	★★★ *"Our Idiot Brother"* (2011) Paul Rudd. 'R' CC			★★½ *"The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"* (2010) Kristen Stewart. 'PG-13' CC				★★★½ *"Brokeback Mountain"* (2005, Romance) Heath Ledger. (In Stereo) 'R' CC			
SPEED	732	112	732			Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction											
SPIKE	37	43	37	27	36	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	★★★½ *"The Shawshank Redemption"* (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (In Stereo) 'R'							Tattoo Night.
STARZ	370	271	370			★★ *"Colombiana"* (2011) Zoe Saldana. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC			★★ *"The Haunted Mansion"* (2003) Eddie Murphy. 'PG' CC			★★½ *"Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides"* (2011) Johnny Depp. (In Stereo) 'PG-13' CC					*"Underworld"*
SUN	36	31	36			College Basketball: Orange Bowl Classic		ACC Road Trip Special		Along the Way	Along the Way	XTERRA USA Championship		Transat Quebec-St. Malo Sailing		UF Bowl Preview	Inside the Heat
SYFY	31	59	31	26	29	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone
TBS	49	23	49	16	19	★★★ *"The Hangover"* (2009, Comedy) 'R'				Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan '14' CC	
TCM	169	53	169	30	35	★★★½ *"Hello, Dolly!"* (1969, Musical Comedy) Barbra Streisand. 'G'				★★★½ *"The Pink Panther"* (1964, Comedy) Peter Sellers, David Niven. 'NR' CC				★★★ *"The Asphalt Jungle"* (1950, Crime Drama) Sterling Hayden. 'NR' CC (DVS)			
TDC	53	34	53	24	26	Deadliest Catch (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Deadliest Catch (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Dual Survival "Unbraided" (N) CC		Dual Survival "Mars on Earth" CC		To Be Announced		Dual Survival (In Stereo) CC	
TLC	50	46	50	29	30	Honey	Honey	Here Comes Honey		Totally T-Boz 'PG'		The Sisterhood		Sin City Rules (N)		The Sisterhood	
TMC	350	261	350			★★★ *"Chasing Amy"* (1997, Romance-Comedy) Ben Affleck. (In Stereo) 'R' CC				★★★ *"My Week With Marilyn"* (2011, Drama) Michelle Williams. 'R' CC				★½ *"I Don't Know How She Does It"* (2011) 'PG-13' CC		*"Barb Wire"* 'R'	
TNT	48	33	48	31	34	★★★★ *"The Dark Knight"* (2008, Action) Christian Bale. 'PG-13' CC (DVS)				Castle "3XK" (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Castle "Almost Famous" 'PG' CC		Castle "Murder Most Fowl" 'PG' CC		CSI: NY "The Thing About Heroes" '14'	
TOON	38	58	38	33		Dragons	Dragons	Dragons	Looney	Level Up	Adven	King/Hill	King/Hill	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
TRAV	9	54	9		44	Mysteries-Museum		The Smithsonian		Hotel Impossible		Wat	Wat	NFL	Food	Airport	Airport
truTV	25	55	25	98	55	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hardcore	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TVL	32	49	32	34	24	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	47	32	47	17	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit '14'	
WE	117	69	117			Charmed (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		Charmed (In Stereo) 'PG' CC		CSI: Miami (In Stereo) '14' CC		CSI: Miami (In Stereo) '14' CC		CSI: Miami (In Stereo) '14' CC		CSI: Miami (In Stereo) '14' CC	
WGN-A	18	18	18	18	20	Cheers	Cheers	Funny Home Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Funny Home Videos	

Bridge

North 01-01-13
♠ —
♥ —
♦ J 7 5 4 3 2
♣ A K Q J 10 9 5

West
♠ —
♥ Q J 9 6 5 4
♦ A K Q 10 9 8 6
♣ —

East
♠ K 9 8 7 2
♥ K 10
♦ —
♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2

South
♠ A Q J 10 6 5 4 3
♥ A 8 7 3 2
♦ —
♣ —

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

PHILLIP ALDER
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

First, a happy and healthy New Year to all of my readers.

When you play Chicago and everybody passes, it can be fun to have a goulash (or ghoulie). Each player sorts his hand: spades, hearts, diamonds, clubs. The cards are stacked, cut once, and dealt in groups. (I like 4-3-3-3/3-4-3-3/3-3-4-3/3-3-3-4, but some people prefer 5-5-5-5/5-5-5-5/3-3-3-3.) Long suits abound, and bidding must be adjusted because most suits will break something-zero.

This deal occurred during one of my play classes after a passout. South opened four spades. West, the most cautious player in the group, characteristically passed. He should have overcalled four no-trump, showing a two-suited hand. This would presumably have resulted in a final contract of five hearts by East after five clubs - five diamonds (both red suits) - five hearts. No doubt South would have doubled and the likely result would have been down one.

The play in four spades was fascinating. West led the diamond ace and East discarded the club two. South ruffed, cashed the spade ace, and continued with the spade queen, throwing diamonds from the board. East won and shifted to the heart king, which declarer brilliantly ducked.

South took the next heart trick with his ace and played three more rounds of spades, giving East the lead when he had only clubs left. He had to bring the dummy to life, and declarer's three remaining hearts evaporated. Contract made!

Did you see East's resource? Under the spade ace, he should have kept the spade two. Then when South led the fifth spade, trying for the endplay, East would have been able to underplay with his two, leaving South on lead, forced to lose three more heart tricks and go down two.

JUMBLE

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

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

WATIA

TARIO

CALAPE

SARTHH

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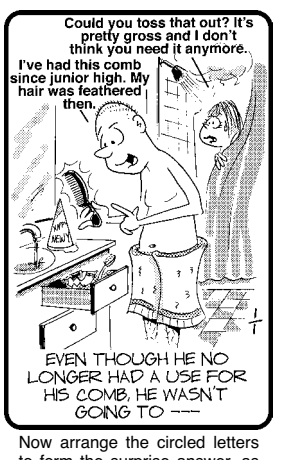

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: _____ _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOBBY BLURB MUFFLE TRENDY
Answer: With each glass of champagne, the party guest was becoming — MORE BUBBLY

ACROSS

1 Menagerie
4 Lubricates
8 Mine car
12 1040 org.
13 Europe-Asia range
14 Mystique
15 Peacock network
16 "Elephant Boy" actor
17 Cellar, briefly
18 Huge beings
20 Mob action
22 Corner
23 Wind into loops
25 Czech capital
29 Fair-hiring abbr.
31 Knock — — loop
34 Set afire
35 Glasnost letters
36 Staircase part
37 Muhammad —
38 AAA suggestions
39 Many mos.
40 Not digital
42 Distort, as data
44 Summit
47 Holly shrub
49 Made up
51 Butter substitute
53 They're easily bruised
55 Tarzan's nanny
56 Latch
57 Genial
58 Bakery buy
59 Dust speck
60 Garage sale tag (2 wds.)
61 Sixth sense

DOWN

1 Oomph
2 Moon track
3 Movie award
4 Takeover
5 401(k) cousins
6 Test tube site
7 Disparaging remark
8 No-no
9 Most out of practice
10 Tattoo site
11 Bathroom item
19 Sherpa's land
21 Floe or berg
24 Forfeit
26 Astronaut — Shepard
27 — monster
28 Elec. or water
30 RN stations
31 Use a skillet
32 Thole fillers
33 Least certain
35 Strongly advised
40 Astonish
41 Musical works
43 Get hitched quick
45 Showing wonder
46 Military caps
48 Lucy Lawless role
49 Points of convergence
50 Fathomless
51 Resistance unit
52 Thai language
54 Enlisted persons

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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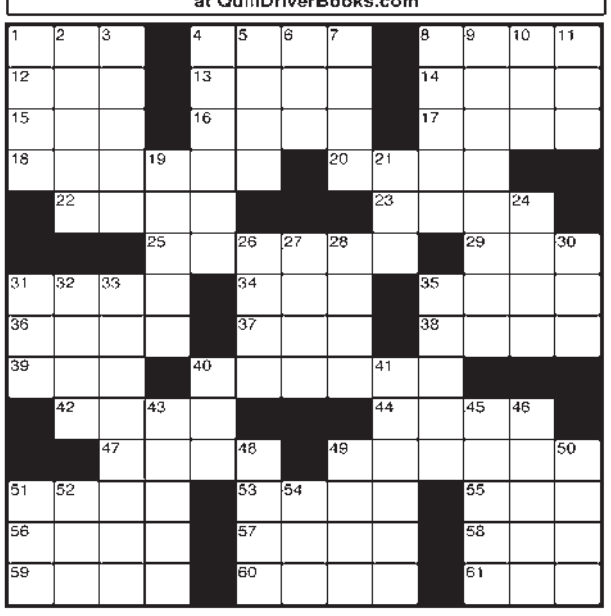

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Readers: Happy New Year. We hope 2013 will be the best year ever for each and every one of you. May you be blessed with good health, close family, kind friends, love and laughter. We hope you will make this the year you vow to be kinder and more compassionate so you can help the world become a better place in which to live.

In honor of the day, here is poem written by William Cullen Bryant in 1859:

"A Song for New Year's Eve"

Stay yet, my friends, a moment stay —
Stay till the good old year,
So long companion of our way,
Shakes hands, and leaves us here.
Oh stay, oh stay,
One little hour, and then away.

The year, whose hopes were high and strong,
Has now no hopes to wake;
Yet one hour more of jest and song
For his familiar sake.
Oh stay, oh stay,
One mirthful hour, and then away.

The kindly year, his liberal hands
Have lavished all his store.
And shall we turn from where he stands,
Because he gives no more?
Oh stay, oh stay,
One grateful hour, and then away.

Days brightly came and calmly went,
While yet he was our guest;
How cheerfully the week was spent!

How sweet the seventh day's rest!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One golden hour, and then away.

Dear friends were with us, some who sleep
Beneath the coffin-lid:
What pleasant memories we keep
Of all they said and did!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One tender hour, and then away.

Even while we sing, he smiles his last,
And leaves our sphere behind.
The good old year is with the past;
Oh be the new as kind!
Oh stay, oh stay,
One parting strain, and then away.

Dear Annie: Several years ago, you printed a piece on New Year's Day that I thought was terrific. It was called "Golden Rules for Living." It was simple and made so much sense. If you can find it, would you consider reprinting it? **— Your Fan in Madison, Wis.**

Dear Fan: With pleasure. Thanks for giving us the time off.

"Golden Rules for Living" by Miriam Hamilton Keare

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it up,
4. If you break it, admit it.
5. If you can't fix it, call in someone who can.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you value it, take care of it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
11. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
12. If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

Dear Annie: Please tell "Nervous in Vermont," the young man who is longing to let his family know he is a transgender male, that Vermont is extremely fortunate to have an organization, Outright Vermont, that supports LGBTQ youth. He will be able to connect with a dedicated and skilled staff, as well as with other youth who will understand what he is experiencing. Outright Vermont (outrightvt.org) is located in Burlington. This young man also could investigate whether his school has a Gay-Straight Alliance or similar organization. He also can speak with his school or SAP counselor (if he is comfortable doing so) for support and strategies to talk with his mother. **— A Vermont GSTA Adviser and SAP Counselor**

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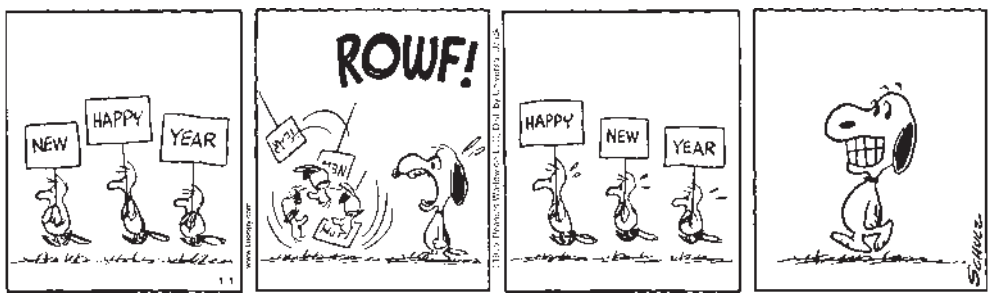
Peanuts



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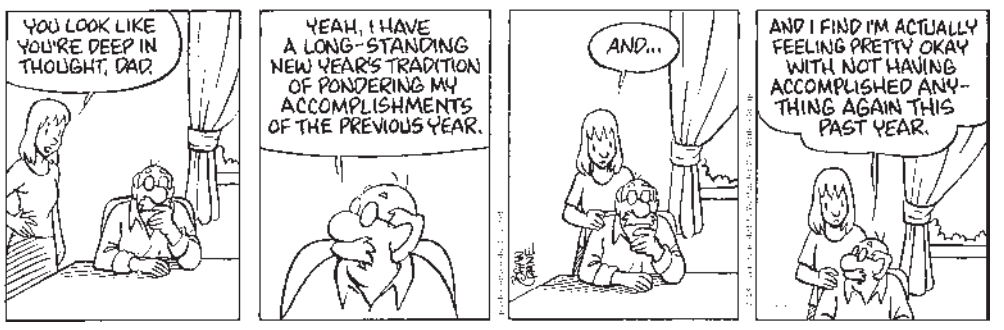

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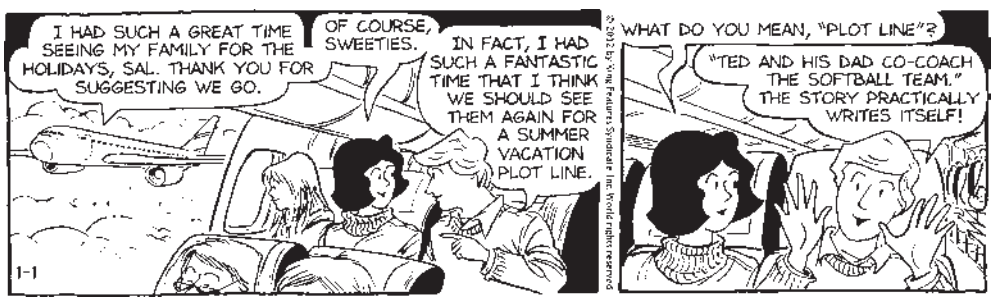

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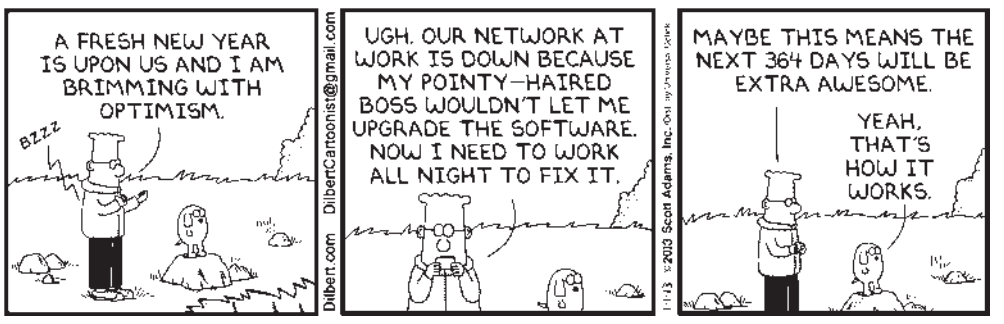

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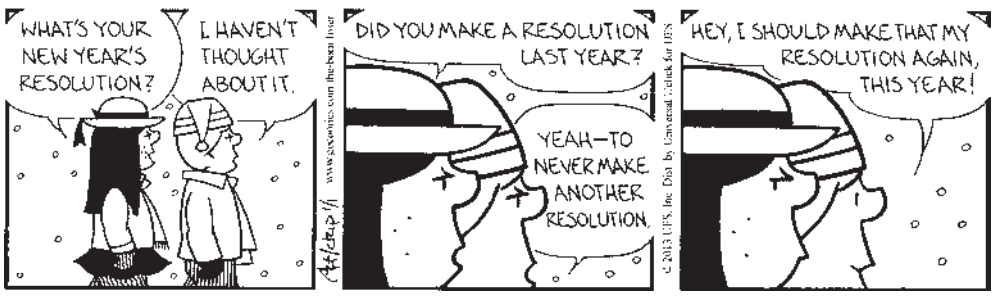

Kit 'N' Carlyle

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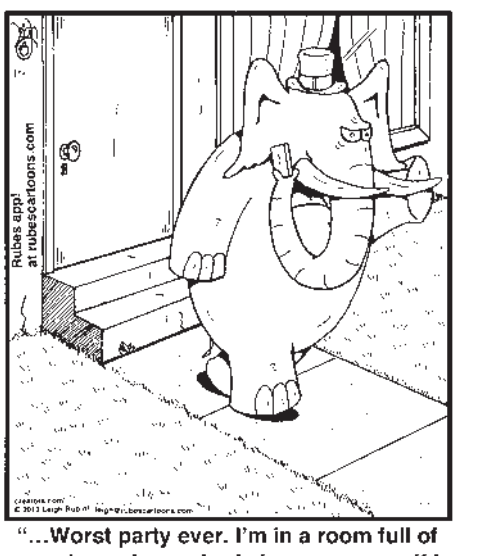
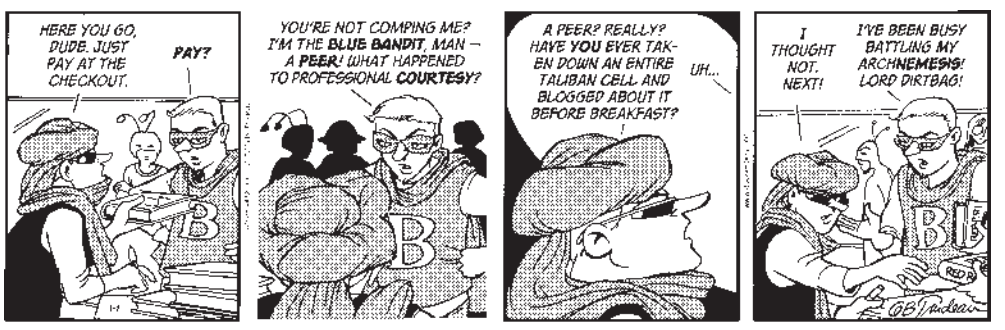


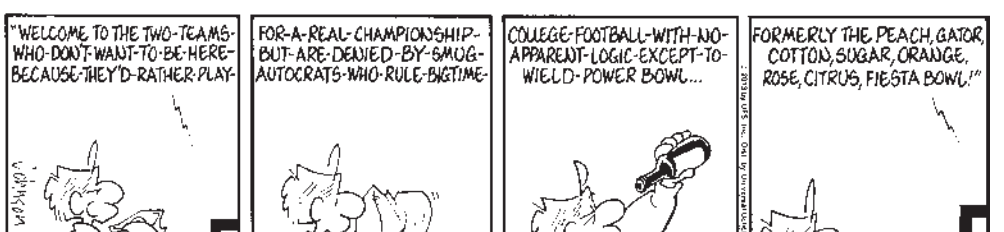
"...Worst party ever. I'm in a room full of people, and everybody ignores me as if I don't even exist!"

Doonesbury



Big Nate

Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

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"Parental Guidance" (PG) 11 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
"Les Miserables" (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:30 p.m. No passes.
"Django Unchained" (R) ID required. 11:15 a.m.. 3:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:50 p.m. No passes.
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
"Monsters Inc" (G) In 3D. 11:05 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:30 p.m. No passes.
"Monsters Inc" (G) 3:50 p.m.
"The Hobbit" (PG-13) In 3D. 12 p.m., 8 p.m. No passes.
"The Hobbit" (PG-13) 4 p.m.

Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864

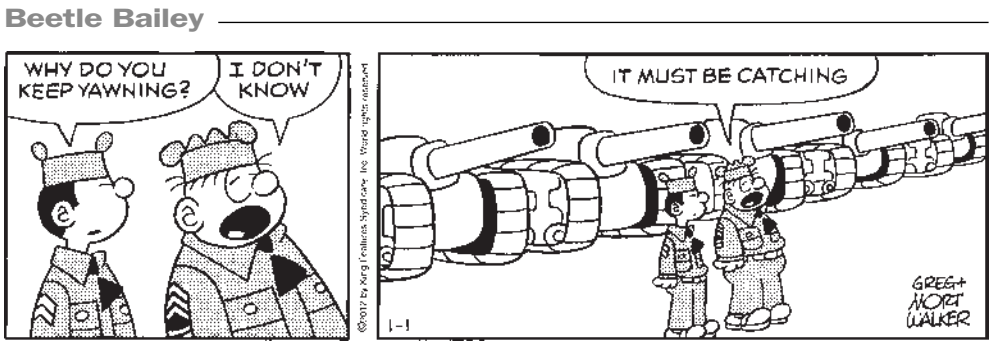
"Les Miserables" (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 3:15 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:30 p.m. No passes.
"Django Unchained" (R) ID required. 12 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m. No passes.
"Parental Guidance" (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:50 p.m.
"Jack Reacher" (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:40 p.m.
"This is 40" (R) ID required. 11:50 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
"Monsters Inc." (G) 2:10 p.m.
"Monsters Inc" (G) In 3D. 11:45 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m. No passes.
"The Guilt Trip" (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
"The Hobbit" (PG-13) In 3D. 11 a.m., 6:45 p.m., 10:20 p.m. No passes.
"The Hobbit" (PG-13) 3 p.m.
"Lincoln" (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30, 9:50.

Times subject to change; call ahead.

Garfield

For Better or For Worse

Beetle Bailey



The Grizzwells

Blondie

Dennis the Menace

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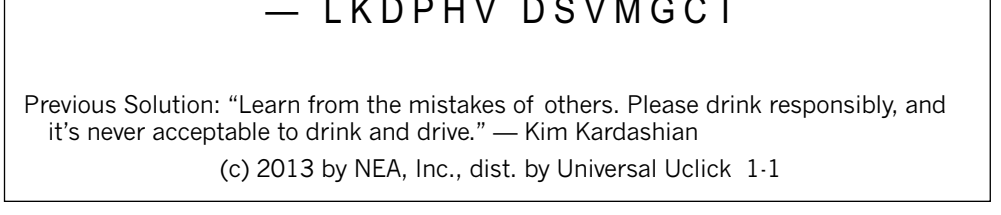
Betty

Frank & Ernest



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by Luis Campos

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— LKDPHS DSVMGCT

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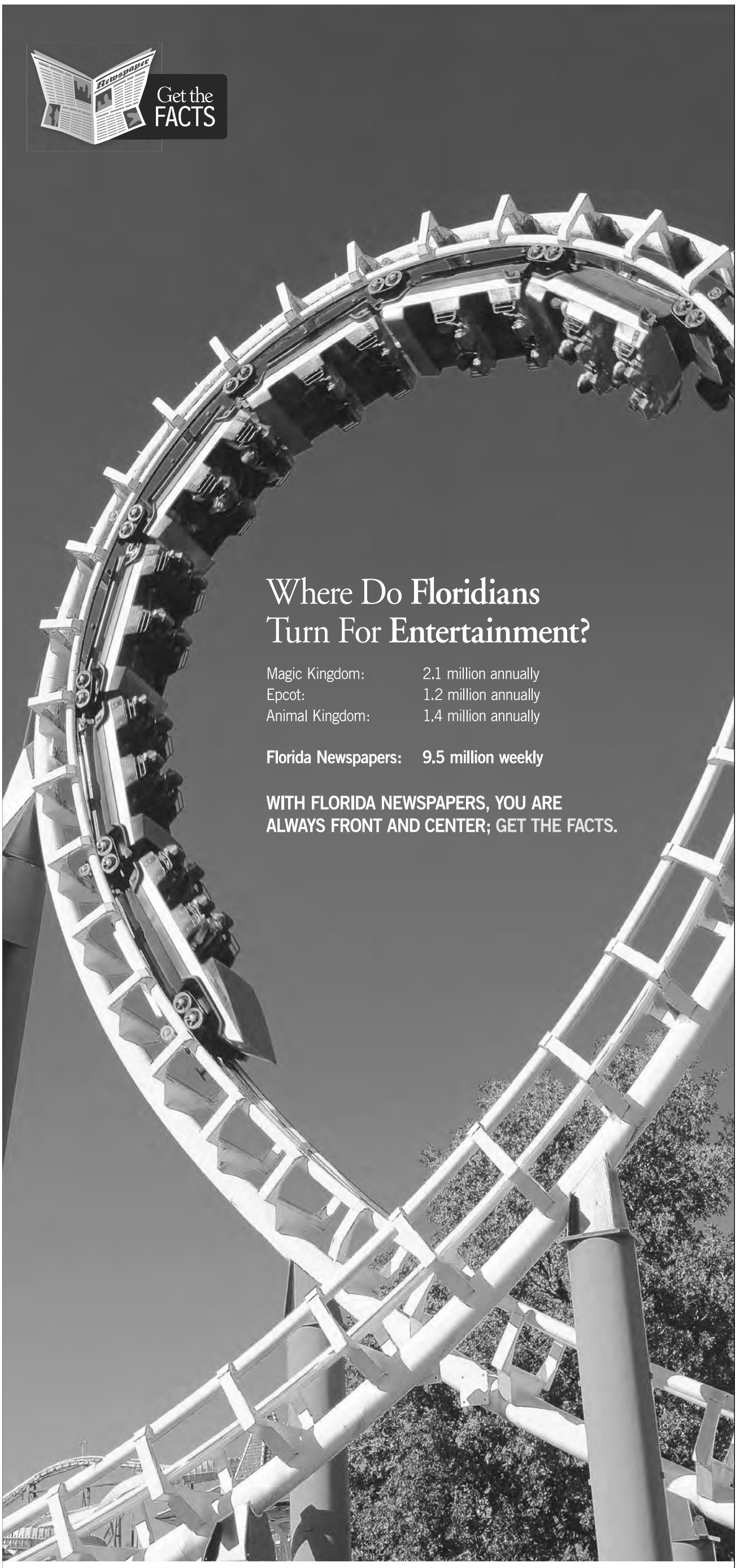

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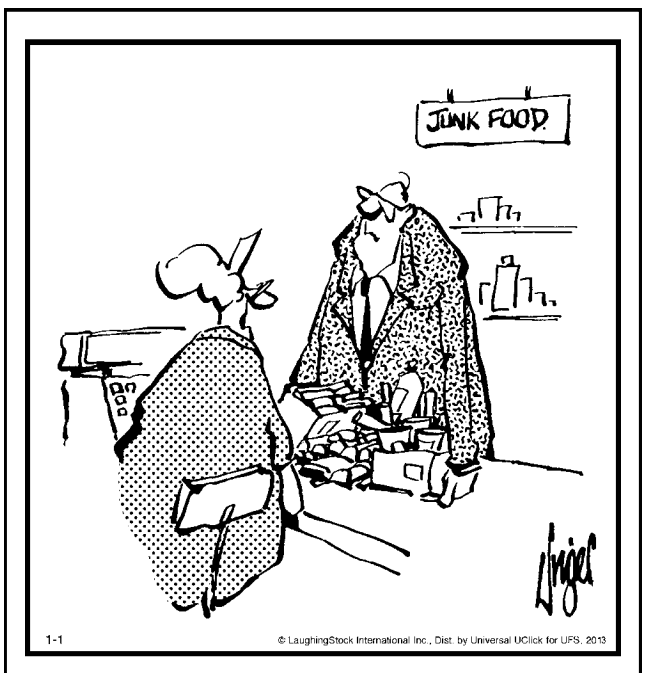

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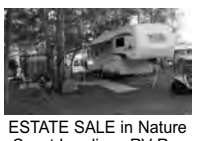

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