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## Three Sisters deal shaping up

### Investors agree to \$10.5 million purchase price — on two conditions

MIKE WRIGHT  
Chronicle

A group of investors headed by Tampa businessman Hal Flowers has decided to accept the government's \$10.5 million offer for the Three Sisters Springs property.

Flowers' attorney, Clark Stillwell, said Wednesday that all involved want to close on the deal

by July 28. Sellers extended their option to the buyers from July to August to allow enough time for final details to be worked out.

Stillwell said the agreement is contingent on two details, one of which could turn into a last-minute glitch.

Government agencies want to make the purchase in two separate packages: the property itself

and the spring water-bottling rights.

He said Flowers' tax attorneys are concerned that sale of the permit for water-bottling rights could be taxed as straight income and not a capital gain or loss.

Stillwell said representatives of the property owners' group notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of their intent to accept the purchase price so long as there are no "tax consequences" from dividing the sale into two components.

The agreement also requires

■ The Crystal River City Council will consider several items regarding the Three Sisters Springs property purchase at its meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall on U.S. 19.

the Crystal River City Council's approving a transfer of development rights for Flowers. That would allow Flowers to build up to 150 houses elsewhere in the city under certain strict conditions, including city council approval.

The council is expected to take up the matter Monday night. It also is expected to approve agreements with the USFWS to manage the property.

Funding for the purchase comes from a variety of sources, including: USFWS, city of Crystal River, Citrus County, Florida Communities Trust, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Felburn Foundation and a host of environmental groups and citizens.

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## Bigger and better



BRIAN LaPETER/Chronicle

Crystal River Primary School is undergoing a renovation and remodeling project, which includes a new cafeteria/auditorium. The cost of construction for the project is \$9.7 million. The work is expected to be completed by the start of the school year.

### Crystal River Primary School's renovation includes technological upgrades, remodeled classrooms

CHERI HARRIS  
Chronicle

Crystal River Primary School students have more than a new school year to look forward to. Much of the campus will seem like new as well.

A large portion of the work will be finished before school starts in August and everything should be completed be-

fore the start of the 2011-12 school year.

One of the most dramatic changes to greet students will be a renovated cafeteria/auditorium.

Project manager Eric Stokes said it's getting a complete makeover, from floor to ceiling and everything in between, including a new sound system

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Chuck Durden, superintendent at the CRPS construction site, left, confers with Eric Stokes, the project manager who works for the school district.

## Hospital trustees dissect charity care

CHRIS VAN ORMER  
Chronicle

Fewer people may qualify for charity care at Citrus Memorial Health System when its current policy is revised, but it could be fairer to taxpayers.

The Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees decided at its meeting Tuesday to analyze data for its charity care policy, a responsibility that trustees discussed as far back as September,

according to trustee Deborah Osmund Frankel.

The proposed policy presented to trustees would drop the charity care level of eligibility to the income range of 100 percent to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, depending on the patient's financial circumstances and the medical services required. Currently, the income range is from 100 percent to as much as 400 percent in some cases.

Current federal poverty levels are \$10,830 for a single person living alone, \$14,570 for a family of two and \$22,050 for a family of four.

Harry Kilgore, the trustees' finance director, said dropping the level of eligibility would lower

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## CCSO: Shooting appears 'accidental,' 'self-inflicted'

SHEMIR WILES  
Chronicle

A manhunt for a shooting suspect in Homosassa ended Wednesday afternoon after Citrus County authorities learned the shooting appeared to be accidental and self-inflicted.

For close to four hours, numerous ground units along with the sheriff's office helicopter, K-9 units and SWAT team combed the area looking for a man suspected of

shooting Tad Leach, 38, of Homosassa.

Initial information from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office stated three people — Leach, his wife and a third passenger — were sitting inside a vehicle shortly before 10 a.m. at the intersection of Yulee Drive and U.S. 19 when an unknown man walked up to the vehicle and shot inside the car. The man then reportedly ran off.

Leach, who was seated in the front passenger seat, was

shot in the leg and transported to Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River for treatment. Gail Tierney, spokeswoman for the sheriff's office, said Leach did not receive any life-threatening injuries and was admitted to the hospital.

As the search continued into the afternoon, Leach finally admitted to detectives that he, his wife and the third passenger had driven down to Spring Hill in order to have

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Members of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office discuss details of a shooting that occurred Wednesday morning along U.S. 19 in Homosassa. Searchers scoured the area on foot, car, with dogs and by helicopter for a suspect. Authorities later determined the victim shot himself accidentally.

MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

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# SCHOOL

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and redoing the slab in the kitchen, gutting it to below ground level in order to bring plumbing up to current standards.

Roy Pistone, director of food services for the school district, said changes to the serving line will increase efficiency. A new, larger freezer/cooler is also planned for the kitchen. New technology should also make the kitchen more energy efficient.

New cafeteria tables convert easily into benches, making it more convenient to use the room as an auditorium.

"I'm very excited," Pistone said. "Any time we can do renovations to our cafeterias to better serve our students, I'm very excited about that."

During a recent tour of the site, construction workers from Spires Contracting were busy in virtually every wall and corner of the cafeteria, hustling despite stifling heat inside the building that at the time had no working air conditioning.

Stokes said the pace was frantic, but "they're doing a very good job." Major work at the school started May 28. He said other parts of the \$9.7 million construction project set to be finished before school starts include renovations to the 200 building and all new roofs. Seven remodeled classrooms should be finished by December and eight new portables will be used for the coming school year.

Stokes said the remodeled classrooms would be more energy efficient and include technology upgrades such as overhead projection, TVs and sound systems. He noted that the primary school didn't get technology upgrades when other schools did, so he is "really looking forward to getting this one up to snuff."

Before the start of the 2011-12 school year, a new 18,000-square-foot wing to house administration, a skills/technology lab, an art wing and a music wing should be completed.

Stokes said the art room was designed to make use of sunlight and the music room has extra sound insulation. "That makes everybody happy," he said.

All the work is being done to green building standards, Stokes said.

The original school structure dates back to the 1950s and has two additions built in the '70s. Stokes said two of the classrooms getting remodeled are part of the original 1954 structure. The goal of the project is to make it more like one building.

"This is what we're trying to really fix," Stokes said.

When the work is complete for the 2011-12 school year, the entrance to the school will move to the north side of the campus and the new wing, so the parent pick-up/drop-off will also be changed.

Other changes expected include new parking area, covered walkways and drainage improvements to keep the playground from flooding. Stokes said flooding has kept the children off the playground about two to three days a week when it rained.

"We bit into this one," Stokes said. "We tried to fix everything. My background is major projects, and this one is very intense."

Kenny Blocker, executive director of business services for the district, said the total cost of the project is \$12 million, which is being funded by a bond issue.

Mike Mullen, executive director of school support services for the district, said, "It's going to be virtually a whole new campus and a new school when we get done with it."

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# Sen. Bill Nelson calls for stringent monitoring of undersea oil plumes

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The federal government would be required to do more stringent monitoring and research of undersea oil plumes from the massive Gulf spill under legislation proposed Wednesday by Florida Sen. Bill Nelson.

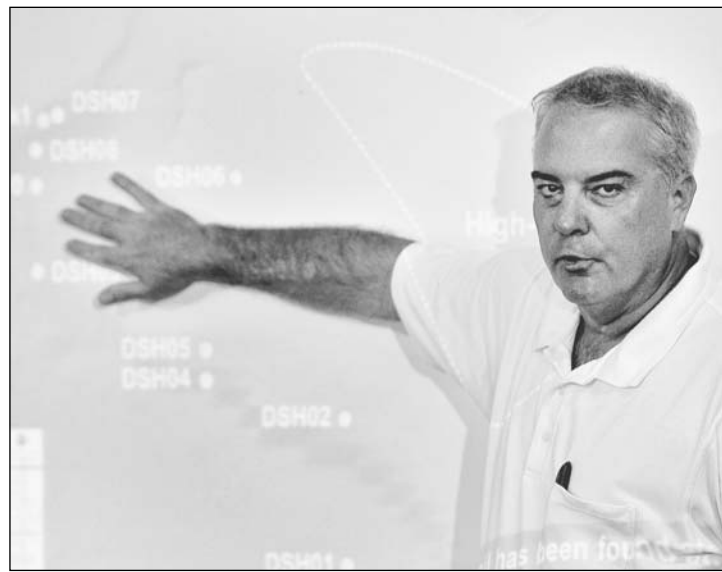
Nelson, a longtime critic of offshore drilling, said the law would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a detailed plan for keeping track of and attacking the suspended subsurface plumes from the Deepwater Horizon gusher.

The Orlando Democrat said he plans to introduce the bill in the U.S. Senate next week after lawmakers return from break. He expects wide support.

"In the near term, it's a marker to encourage NOAA to go on and get all this coordinated in a plan," Nelson said. "NOAA ought to be the one that's at the point of the spear on research right now on the existence and the effects of subsurface oil."

The legislation would direct NOAA to conduct, within 45 days, a comprehensive review of its testing methods and current technology for finding and monitoring the undersea plumes first detected by university researchers in May.

The bill requires the review to cover the use of dispersants; technology for detecting and tracking subsurface oil and gas; and ways to more quickly determine if the plumes — whether visible or dissolved — can be linked to the Deepwater Horizon spill. It also calls for a comprehensive study of the effects of the hydrocarbons on all



University of South Florida biological oceanographer Ernst Peebles stands in front of a diagram of the Deepwater Horizon's location on June 8 during a news conference in St. Petersburg.

levels of the food chain. "There are a lot of lessons in this oil spill that we can go on and protect against in the future, but the big unknown is, what is the effect of the subsurface oil?" Nelson said.

After the review, the Subsea Hydrocarbon Monitoring and Assessment Program would be set up. It would be paid for with \$15 million from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which was established after Exxon Valdez spill in 1989.

"NOAA appreciates and values Sen. Nelson's support for its role in oil spill response and restoration," the agency said in a statement Wednesday. "Although we are not able to comment on this proposed legislation at this time, we look forward to working with the senator."

Oil has been gushing from the damaged Deepwater Hori-

zon since an April 20 explosion and fire on the rig leased by BP PLC. Eleven workers died. Since then, tar balls and oil have fouled the shores of every Gulf coast state, despite BP's containment efforts.

Marine scientists from the University of South Florida and other universities first detected large undersea plumes of dissolved oil in May, findings that BP initially disputed. NOAA confirmed their existence after extensive testing of water samples taken by research vessels.

BP has already given \$10 million to a consortium of Florida universities to study and monitor the oil spill. William Hogarth, dean of the University of South Florida College of Marine Science, said that as much as \$100 million more will be sought from BP for Florida research efforts.

# SPRINGS

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Offers have been on the table for months. The Conservation Fund, a group that is acting as the conduit between government agencies and the property owner, made an offer of about \$9.7

million that the owners never responded to.

State Sen. Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, then added to the state budget up to \$2 million that would have made the purchase price about \$11.8 million.

The Florida Communities Trust board of governors, however, voted two weeks ago to allocate only \$725,000

of that amount — bringing the total available to \$10.5 million.

Flowers and his investment group paid \$10.5 million for the property in 2005 and planned to build a housing development there. Flowers instead decided to sell the property to protect it from development due to it being a popular manatee-

gathering spot in the winter. Stillwell said Flowers has spent a "significant sum" in preparing the land for development.

Records show he also has paid more than \$600,000 in property taxes since 2005, though Flowers applied for and received an agricultural classification for pine trees that would exempt a

considerable portion of the taxes for 2011.

The USFWS sent Flowers a letter last week asking him to provide an answer to the offer by Friday. Stillwell said Flowers' representatives have told the USFWS they will accept the offer so long as the tax issue is settled favorably to the sellers. Lace Blue-McLean, presi-

dent of the Friends of the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge, was thrilled to hear the news Wednesday.

"I'm grinning from ear to ear," she said.

Stillwell said Flowers and the investment group are eager for a conclusion.

"All the investors," he said, "are happy the matter is being resolved one way or another."

# CHARITY

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considerably the taxpayers' obligation to the hospital for charity care.

He also said some charity care patients are residents of Sumter and Levy counties, patients who should not be eligible for charity care from Citrus County taxpayers. Under the Health Care Responsibility Act of 1977, their home counties should reimburse out-of-county patients' emergency care expenses.

Mark Williams, CMHS chief financial officer, said a new policy would affect this year's financial reports and decisions for care-giving that already had been made.

Osmond Frankel said the hospital had many programs that would help pay for patients who were unable to meet their expenses.

"We should form a committee to go over this as it is an extremely important decision," said Ryan Beaty, chief executive officer of CMHS.

Bill Grant, the trustees' general counsel, said a committee could be formed with the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation only if the foundation did not proceed with a notice of default against the trustees. At their meet-

ing last week, the foundation directors agreed to issue a notice of default against the trustees under their lease if the trustees did not transfer \$1.2 million in funds held over from the previous fiscal year by 5 p.m. July 7.

"Mr. Beaty can't make that decision," Osmond Frankel said. She said the trustees should decide whether to accept the policy.

Trustee Deborah Ressler urged the board of trustees to review the policy before taking it to a committee.

Trustee Michael Smallridge said, "We should have a public hearing because this is taxpayers' money."

The policy was based on the guidelines of Chapter 154 of Florida Statutes and addressed such issues as eligibility for charity care. It would maintain the current cost per charge ratio of 24 percent for the foundation's financial calculations.

The motion to accept the policy for discussion at a public hearing with the finance committee was carried. The meeting will take place Wednesday, with a time and place to be decided. The meeting will be advertised in advance in a legal notice in the *Chronicle*. The committee for the hearing will be Osmond Frankel, trustee James Wood, Beaty and two founda-

tion directors.

The trustees decided to continue to withhold reimbursement of charity care expenses because they want agreement about the documentation of expenses, according to Vickie LaMarche, the trustees' executive director.

"We're getting a firm grasp on how the charity care is handled, and it should be handled with the least cost to taxpayers," LaMarche said.

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#### Year-Round Water Conservation Measures Now In Effect

In response to information received at its meeting on June 29, 2010, the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District voted to allow Water Shortage Order No. 07-02, (once-per-week lawn watering and other Modified Phase II restrictions) to expire.

This means that the following year-round water conservation measures are now in effect, except where a more restrictive provision is in effect within a local government or under a valid District variance:

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- **Fountain Operation** may occur at any time. Leaks should be promptly repaired.
- **Pressure Washing** may occur at any time, for any reason, including compliance with community aesthetic standards.
- **Lawn and Landscape Irrigation** may occur a maximum of twice per week, if needed.

Contact your water utility or call 1-800-848-0499 to determine if a special local irrigation schedule is in effect. For example, in Tampa and unincorporated Hillsborough County, twice-per-week watering is in effect, but there are special watering days.

In the absence of a special local irrigation schedule:

- Properties with an even address may be watered on Thursday and/or Sunday.
- Properties with an odd address may be watered on Wednesday and/or Saturday.
- Community common areas and other "no address" locations may be watered Tuesday and/or Friday.
- Watering shall be accomplished before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. on allowable days.
- Low volume irrigation of non-lawn areas may occur on any day and at any time, if needed. This includes handwatering and the use of micro-irrigation technology.
- Sod and other new plant material, vegetable gardens, irrigation system testing and lawn chemical activation have additional limited exemptions.

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*Around*  
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**Gainesville**

**Bad teeth lead to alleged robbery**

A man in Gainesville went to the police after getting robbed by a woman he intended to pay for sex, but refused when she flashed a smile full of bad teeth.

Lake Butler resident Dan Alford told investigators he and 25-year-old Jennifer Elder were negotiating a price until he noticed her dental problems. Alford told police that after he resisted, she snatched a checkbook containing \$78 from his shirt pocket and fled.

Elder told authorities she merely got scared and ran, not knowing the man had tucked a wad of cash into her bra.

She was arrested on a robbery charge. Gainesville police did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment on whether the man faced any charges.

**Orlando**

**17-year-old accused of stabbing librarian**

A 17-year-old has been arrested for allegedly stabbing an Orlando librarian who interrupted his robbery of the facility while it was closed for Independence Day.

Investigators say the boy fled into the woods, and stayed there until the bugs became unbearable on Tuesday.

A store employee called 911 after he emerged and tried to make a call, and deputies tracked him to a nearby restaurant.

The librarian may have survived the cuts to her throat, face and chest because the knife he used was so dull. She was stopping by the Orlando library while it was closed to empty the book drop.

The boy, who turns 18 next month, faces charges of attempted first-degree murder, occupied burglary, grand theft and possession of burglary tools.

—From wire reports

# Details emerge in robbery

*Suspect is related to driver of vehicle*

**SHEMIR WILES**  
*Chronicle*

The sheriff's office released Wednesday more information surrounding a robbery involving a knife that happened Tuesday in Hernando.

According to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest report, deputies first responded to 560 E. Winnetka St., in Hernando, in reference to a possible robbery and carjacking.

Law enforcement spoke with Willis Carver, 54, of Hernando, who stated that he was in the car with a female friend after having just returned from a trip to a pain management clinic in Tampa.

Carver reportedly said he and the friend were driving on North Page Street in Hernando when they came to stop sign. According to the report, Carver said a person wearing a bandana on his face and armed with a knife walked up to the car and demanded his medications.

"A struggle then ensued in which (Carver) struck the suspect in the face and (Carver) fled the area with his medication," the arrest report stated.

The unknown suspect then reportedly jumped into the back seat of the car with the female friend and demanded she drive away.

About 20 minutes later, deputies stopped the driver, Cassandra Moody, on North Skeeter Terrace. Moody told deputies she drove off out of fear for her young child, who was in the back seat.

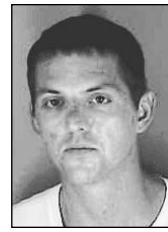
She reportedly stated that once she got back on U.S. 41, the un-

known man told her to pull over and he ran into the woods.

Detective Lee Alexander spoke with Moody, who stated she drove home after the incident because she didn't know what to do. She then told Alexander she decided to go back to check on Carver, which is when deputies stopped her.

"While speaking with the driver, Detective Alexander was informed by another deputy that a neighbor had seen an individual exit the driver's vehicle when she arrived home," the report stated.

After some more questioning, Moody reportedly said the person leaving her vehicle was her brother, who she picked up on her way home. However, according to the report, the brother, Allen Moody, 27, of Inverness, told authorities he had



**Allen Moody**  
 arrested Tuesday.

not been with his sister that day, but had been at home all day.

During the investigation, deputies noticed Allen Moody's nose appeared to be injured and asked Cassandra Moody about it. After some time, she reportedly admitted that it was her brother who confronted Carver and jumped into the car with her.

"Once again, Detective Alexander asked the driver to tell him what had occurred and she was adamant that she did not know that her brother was going to do this," the report stated.

Detectives arrested and charged Allen Moody with robbery with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$50,000.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Gail Tierney said the case remains under investigation.

**On a mission for fishin'**



BRIAN LAPETER/Chronicle

A fisherman heads out in his kayak recently into the Gulf of Mexico near Fort Island Gulf Beach.

## Inverness sets tentative tax rate

**MIKE WRIGHT**  
*Chronicle*

Faced with declining property values but with a hope of keeping significant city services intact, the Inverness City Council adopted a tentative tax rate Tuesday that increases property taxes.

The council voted 4-0 to set the 2011 tax rate at 6.6265 mills, up from the current rate of 5.3902 mills. Councilman Tom Johnson was absent.

Someone in a house with a taxable value of \$100,000 would pay about \$123 more in city property taxes.

Council members have their final public hearings in September. They may lower the tentative rate but not raise it; historically, that is exactly what Inverness officials tend to do.

City Manager Frank DiGiovanni said setting a higher millage rate gives him and his staff the wiggle room to develop a budget. He said he expects the final rate to be much lower.

He said city property values have declined three

Final public hearings of the Inverness tax rate are at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 and 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Inverness Government Center.

straight years. For the city to continue services the public expects, such as road maintenance, beautification projects and sanitation pickup, it may require a higher tax rate.

Council members agreed, but said they hoped to see the final tax rate lower than the tentative one.

"I'm going to support this because it gives us a point to work from," Councilman Cabot McBride said.

Mayor Bob Plaisted said the city has done a good job keeping taxes in line but that the down economy is catching up with the cost of providing city services.

"We knew sooner or later there would be a time of reckoning," he said. "I think we've had a really good run but finally things have changed."

## Cattlemen slate forum

*Chronicle*

Agricultural groups will host a political forum today to hear candidates Richard Nugent and Jason Sager, Republicans in the race for U.S. House of Representatives District 5.

The forum starts at 6 p.m.

at the Citrus County Cattlemen's Association, at the corner of County Road 480 and 581, Inverness. Sponsors include the cattlemen's associations of both Citrus and Hernando counties, the Florida Farm Bureau and the Citrus County Agricultural Alliance.

## Family, friends recall slain officer

**LARRY CLIFTON**  
*Special to the Chronicle*

Officer Dave Curtis of the Tampa Police Department worked the gritty urban streets of Tampa where shootings are nearly as familiar as the summer picnics by his rural Sumter County home.

The 31-year-old patrol officer, husband and father of four, along with fellow officer Jeffery Kocob, also 31, were shot to death after a traffic stop in the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 29.

Dantae Rashawn Morris, 24, a passenger in the car, shot the officers around 2:15 a.m. during a traffic stop that Curtis initiated at Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard and 50th Street, according to a Tampa police report.

Kocob arrived as backup and the officers approached the vehicle on the passenger side in the darkness. The next communication came from a citizen calling 911 to report two officers were shot.

"When we lived in Tampa, we all used to come up to the property and fish the lime rock ponds and hang out together," said father-in-law Chris Bowers, referring to their property in St. Catherine, south of Webster. "The kids never wanted to go back to Tampa, so one day we all decided to stay."

Bowers said when he and his wife May-May finished building a new house on the large ranch about 14 months ago, Dave and Kelly moved into their old home on the property.

"I had some reservations

about Dave when Kelly came home from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala., and said she thought she had met Mr. Right," said Bowers.

He explained that his daughter told him Curtis had bleach-blond hair, earrings and worked as a bouncer in Mobile, where the two attended college.

"But Dave turned out to be a big teddy bear, a real family man," said Bowers. "We have six ponds on the property, and Dave spent a lot of time teaching the boys to fish and just being with them."

He wasn't much for hunting, but he loved fishing and observing wildlife, Bowers said.

According to Bowers, during his first visit Curtis leaned too far backwards in a chair and it collapsed underneath him.

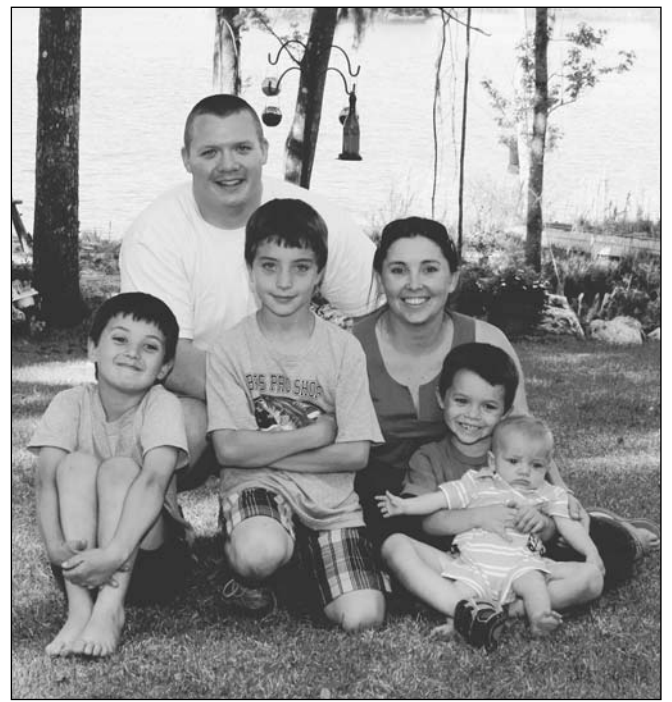
The incident broke the ice, and before long Curtis was like family to the Bowers.

Curtis was an officer with the Tampa Police Department for three years and eight months. Before that, he served with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department as a jail deputy.

Curtis is described in a Tampa police report as an outstanding officer who served one year on the plainclothes Rapid Offender Control Squad known as ROC, but was serving on uniform patrol at the time of the shooting.

"I don't remember him saying he ever had to draw his weapon," Bowers said. "I couldn't say for sure, but he never mentioned it to me."

Morris, a passenger in the



Special to the Chronicle

Dave Curtis, his wife Kelly and his four sons, Sean, Austin, Tyler and Hunter. Tampa Police Officer Dave Curtis and another officer were shot to death June 29 during a traffic stop.

stopped car and the alleged shooter, surrendered through an attorney's office days after the murders and after a six-figure bounty was offered for information leading to his arrest.

Cortnee Nicole Brantly, 22, the driver, was arrested on charges related to the slayings.

Sumter County Sheriff Bill Farmer attended the slain officer's wake service Saturday at Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz.

"Dave's in-laws, Chris and May-May Bowers, are good friends of mine and I visited with them after the Idlewild services. They're hanging in there — but it's a shock, a very difficult time, as you can imagine," Farmer said. "It's tough to lose anyone in

the community, but this is like losing one of our own."

Bushnell City Manager Vince Ruano met Curtis through Bowers.

"Dave, Kelly and the kids moved to St. Catherine after the Bowerses moved up from Tampa," Ruano said. "I had the pleasure of being around Curtis from time to time and my impression is that he was a man who loved and enjoyed his family."

Curtis was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Bushnell and is survived by his wife Kelly and four sons, Sean, 8, Austin, 9, Tyler, 5, and Hunter, 8 months.

Larry Clifton is a staff writer for the Sumter County Times, a Citrus Publishing newspaper.





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Stocks soar; Dow back above 10,000

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrials climbed back above 10,000 Wednesday after investors had second thoughts about the heavy selling in the stock market during the last two weeks.

Stocks soared and the Dow rose 275 points after a modest gain Tuesday. It was the market's first back-to-back advance since mid-June and the first close above the psychological benchmark of 10,000 since June 28.

But analysts warn that the buying doesn't mean that investors are more optimistic. They said there wasn't a single catalyst behind the move and that it looked like a case of investors scooping up stocks that had become cheaper after heavy losses.

The Dow and broader indexes gained more than 2 percent. Trading volume was light, however, signaling

Market watch

Table showing market watch data for July 7, 2010. Includes Dow Jones Industrials (+274.66), Nasdaq composite (+65.59), Russell 2000 (+21.63), and NYSE diary.

SOURCE: SunGard

over worries about the economy. Aluminum producer Alcoa Inc. climbed 3.3 percent, while U.S. Steel rose 5.7 percent.

The Dow rose 274.66, or 2.8 percent, to 10,018.28. The Dow rose 57 points Tuesday. The index hasn't risen two straight days since June 17-18.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 32.21, or 3.1 percent, to 1,060.27, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 65.59, or 3.1 percent, to 2,159.47.

Bond prices fell, driving up interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.99 percent from 2.94 percent late Tuesday.

The yield fell below 3 percent last week for the first time since April 2009. The 10-year yield is used as a benchmark for interest rates on consumer loans and mortgages.

The dollar fell against other major currencies, including the euro. Crude oil rose \$2.09 to \$74.07 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gold rose.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 21.63, or 3.7 percent, to 611.66.

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▶ "No one would talk much in society, if he only knew how often he misunderstands others."

Goethe, "Elective Affinities," 1809

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MIXED SIGNALS

# A case for improved dialogue

The traffic signal recently installed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) at the entrance to the Citrus County landfill is a welcome safety enhancement for traffic entering and exiting the landfill.

Unfortunately, however, the newly installed traffic light falls short in two ways. First, it isn't quite in line with the traffic lanes exiting the landfill. And, there are no left-turn signals into the landfill or Highview Avenue, which is opposite the landfill entrance.

Citrus County Solid Waste Management Director Casey Stephens told county commissioners that FDOT installed the signal based upon earlier county plans calling for a transfer station. However, when the transfer station was scrapped for cost reasons, Stephens said FDOT would not change the traffic light's alignment. Stephens further said that the absence of left-turn arrows is a concern.

On the other hand, FDOT spokeswoman Kris Carson told county officials that no one from the county had raised any concerns about the traffic

light's alignment or the left-turn arrows. As for the left-turn arrows, Carson added that they weren't included because traffic studies indicated they were not warranted.

To remedy the imbroglio, Stephens recommended that the county spend \$235,000 for an engineer to design both a

new recycling center outside the landfill gates and to conduct a study to support traffic light changes. Faced with an austere budget environment, county commissioners wisely rejected the recommendation.

Given the mixed signals of this bureaucratic "he said, she said," it's obvious that poor communications between the county and FDOT resulted in the situation, which has taken the luster off of the \$654,000 project.

With the county and FDOT culpable for the poor communications, both parties need to give a green light to better intergovernmental communications. Further, both parties should stop pointing fingers and work together to assure the landfill's ingress and egress are as safe as possible.

**THE ISSUE:**

Landfill traffic signal.

**OUR OPINION:**

Better communication needed.

**Solomon's legacy**

Many thanks to Judi Siegel for her article reminding all of us that America would probably not exist if not for a Jewish man named Solomon. Perhaps those who keep talking about America being just a Christian nation can use this historical fact as a lesson in tolerance.

**Rising prices**

I lived through the Great Depression. Jobs were scarce and pay was low. People were losing their homes. Local government gave free food for the hungry at the town hall. Gas was cheap. Admission to the movies was 15 cents. A haircut was a quarter. You could buy a bag of groceries for a dollar. Again, people are losing their jobs and their homes. The post office collects food for the hungry, but food and services are more expensive than a few years ago when everyone had money, and everything keeps going up.

**Kick out the corrupt**

If you don't vote for big business profits, the GOP will kick you out. Ask Nancy Argenziano. She and several other people have been let go because they didn't vote for the profits of the big utilities, Florida Power and Progress Energy. That is ridiculous, why we keep putting people in there who do this type of thing. Let's stop the GOP from doing this. We need help from the Legislature — and I don't mean maybe.

**Charge it**

Someone wrote in that they want to stop this pizza business. They call in and order pizzas to go to a nonexistent address. There's one way to cure that: When they order a pizza, have them put it on their credit card before it's delivered.

**Channel 99**

Can somebody please give me a phone number where I can call the TV channel 99 so I can complain about the menu guide? It is written so small that nobody can read it. The paper doesn't print the proper schedules and we can't tell what's going to be playing. Please, somebody give me a phone number. I called the cable company and they don't have a phone number for it. But we need to be able to read the TV guide on the TV.

**Editor's note:** The TV Guide website does not list a phone number, but there is a customer feedback form available at <http://www.tvguide.com/services/CustomerForm.aspx>.

**Thanks from the Clarks**

Good Samaritans in Crystal River. I would like to thank some good people — Melissa Wilson, her mother and boyfriend — for going the extra mile to help my son with car trouble and finding his cell phone June 25. We appreciate all your help. The Clark family, Floral City.



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# The right stuff goes wrong

Silly me. I thought America's unparalleled space program (before the present administration began dismantling it) was a triumph of American ingenuity, technology, vision and boldness. Instead, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden says its "foremost mission" is not returning to the moon, or completing a mission to Mars; rather it is improving relations with the Muslim world. Bolden says President Obama told him he also wants NASA to encourage children to study science and math, but isn't that best done by applying science and math to a robust space program?

Obama is boldly going where no president has gone before. It is a continuation of the president's subjugation of himself (bowing to foreign leaders) and the country he is charged with leading by obsequiously kowtowing to a people for whom advancement to the Middle Ages would be a step up.

The president and Bolden think it will improve relations with the Muslim world if we praise them for their work in math and science many centuries ago, but what has the Muslim world done for humanity lately? Female genital mutilation? Beheadings? Stoning of alleged adulterers? Honor killings? Terrorism? Death sentences to religious converts?

Yes, Benito Mussolini was said to have made the trains run on

time, so maybe previous presidents should have praised his timetable and overlooked the torture, the censorship, the holding of women and children hostage and the police state.

I'm sure if we searched long enough, we might discover a good character quality or two in Mao Zedong, a world-class mass murderer. But let's not forget China invented the compass and woodblock printing. What are a few human rights violations compared to these positive contributions?

Perhaps if President Roosevelt had looked for some good in Adolf Hitler, World War II might have been avoided. Maybe it was our fault that Pearl Harbor was bombed. We should have appreciated the Japanese contribution to America (The cherry tree? Sushi?).

What is it about this president of ours? He doesn't seem to love America, at least not the America we knew prior to his coming to office. He pledged to change the country, but growing numbers think what we have is better than what he wants. Despite its past and current problems, most Americans are justifiably proud of their country and what it has stood for over the last 234 years. Regrets? Sure, we've had a few, but then again too few to mention compared to the blessings we have received and the blessing we have been to much of the world.

On April 3, 2009, President Obama addressed an adoring

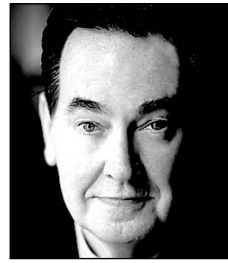
crowd in Strasbourg, France. He told them the United States "has failed to appreciate Europe's leading role in the world" and that America had "shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive" toward its allies.

Actually, it has been the other way around. America bailed out Europe twice in the last century because it elevated evil men to leadership and they started wars that engulfed the world. And America protected European economies by paying for a nuclear umbrella that protected the continent from the Soviet Union, thus allowing those who refused to pay a price or bear a burden to concentrate on their economies and self-indulgent pleasures.

If America is all that Obama makes it out to be, why do we have such an illegal immigration problem? You'd think these people would prefer Europe, or Iraq, which have contributed so much to our space program.

If NASA's "foremost mission" is no longer space, but a group-hug to Muslim nations, perhaps Congress should be asked to authorize such a change in purpose and reduce NASA's budget. Do most taxpayers want NASA to focus on inner space, rather than outer space? I doubt it. They can render their verdict on this and many other Obama policies come the next November election.

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**OTHER VOICES**



LETTERS to the Editor

**Oil everlasting**

In response to Dr. Dixon's column of Sunday, June 27:

The administration did not refuse to let foreign vessels assist in the cleanup. Those nations refused to allow their vessels to assist because we would not give them what they wanted in return.

Before it is over, this will be the biggest spill in Gulf history, and is already the most damaging to our shores. The Ixtoc spill just appears to have resolved quickly. You can lie on the beach at Galveston, but I am told that if you try to build a sandcastle, you are going to strike oil, and that it is going to be there forever.

No, things were not back to normal in 2 to 3 years after the Persian Gulf spill. Quoting Dr. Jacqueline Michel, U.S. geochemist, this year: "A million cubic feet of oil sediment remained 12 years after the spill. There's no way to get it out..." Dr. Hans-Borg Barth, German geographer: "Several coastal areas show no recovery at all. Salt marshes, which cover 50 percent of the coastline, will need several more decades to recover."

Oil does not dilute in water. It floats, so the volume of water, a product of the fact that the Gulf is several miles deep, is irrelevant. Therefore, the concentration of oil is much greater than

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has been portrayed by Dr. Dixon.

Caveat: Some information in this letter and in Dr. Dixon's column, particularly that relating to the Gulf oil spill, seems to have been cherry-picked from the same website. I believe my information to be more up to date.

William E. Collins  
 Inverness

**Blame Schultz**

Rep. Schultz objected to the language in the proposed legislation to resolve the issues between the Trustees and the Citrus Memorial Hospital Foundation

Board. At the local legislative session held in Inverness, Schultz stated his objections to the bill. However, the delegation consisting of Fasano, Dean and Schultz voted to send the bill forward. Schultz promised to present it to the appropriate committee in the Legislature.

Rep. Schultz sat on that bill for five weeks, telling the *Chronicle* in April that the bill was dead.

When an amended version in response to Schultz's objections and delays was sent him by Sen. Dean, the legislative session was nearing adjournment. Schultz was unable to get the amended bill on the agenda out of committee because an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the representatives would be needed for approval. The leadership was not inclined to support Schultz, one guesses for political reasons.

Had Rep. Schultz presented the legislation in committee in a timely fashion as promised, it could have been amended on the floor and would have passed. The major differences between the Trustees and Foundation Board would have been effectively resolved. A great deal of taxpayer money could have been saved.

The *Chronicle* editorial board suggests that Schultz is not to be faulted. An alternative suggestion is that Schultz took it upon himself to kill the bill and was successful.

W.L. Dixon  
 Inverness





Letters to THE EDITOR

God in government

The "God and government" letter by Sidney Rose is so full of errors that I cannot allow it to go unanswered. He says we can have good government without religion and offers "220 years of separation of church and state" as his reasoning. He's either confused or his agenda is suspect. Our heroic forefathers were trying to protect us from a government-controlled religion; they certainly wanted God and religion in government. "The protection of divine providence" was sought in our Declaration of Independence. "In God We Trust" on our money leaves no doubt that keeping God and religious principles was foremost in their minds.

Rose's quoting French philosopher Pascal is further evidence of his confusion or agenda. Any crimes or terrible acts committed by fanatics originated in the lobes of their own brains. God's theme throughout his Bible is love. To try to connect man's atrocities and ignorance to the living God or religious people simply tells me to steer away from anyone with his viewpoint.

Rose further adds that religion doesn't belong in our form of government. Let me point out to you what has happened since people with Rose's beliefs started removing God from schools, courts and government: America has gone

from the most prosperous, productive, powerful nation in the world in unprecedented speed to a debt-ridden bankruptcy, a family-destroying divorce rate, a dollar worth 4 cents, crime-ridden major cities, major industries gone, health care in shambles, joblessness, homes foreclosed and people losing hope: Floods, droughts, crop failures and disasters.

Thousands of years ago, God made a covenant with Abraham. He said, "I will bless your seed. You will become great among nations." From that seed came Manasseh, whose seed became America. Ephraim's seed became Great Britain. Together they possess 75 percent of the world's power and wealth. America's greatness was directly through God. The Bible warns us of the curses to come when we forget him. We will join fallen empires past. If we don't wake up, America will be in the scrap heap of history. Say a prayer today and ask God to spare us.

Tom Nicholas  
Lecanto

One for all

In response to "True separation," July 3: In Mr. Carey's response to Mr. Rose's "God and government" letter of June 27, Mr. Carey suggests we "scrap" the U.S. Constitution and instead focus on the Christian majority of this country.

Most Americans "Pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands..." The Republic represents all citizens, and not for the benefit of a specific political party or favorite religion. This ensures that today's majority group will not exclude or discriminate against other minority citizens.

So, Mr. Carey, which Christian majority? The Catholics? Born-again Christians? What if the majority was Jew, Muslim, Hindu, or those who prefer no religion?

By the way, church property and assets are tax-exempt and public education is supported by our government (taxes) and is free.

However, if you prefer a sectarian hospital and a sectarian education (like those in the Middle East), don't demand the U.S. government bankroll you with public, secular taxes.

Vi Nero  
Inverness

Sewers, please

Great article in today's paper (July 3) about the pump-out station at MacRae's and how it helps keeps the Homosassa clean. Let's not forget that the south side of Homosassa, all of Old Homosassa, is still not on sewers and needs to be. And while we're at it, how about hooking up the Freezer to the sewer line that was just run down Mason Creek?

Double take

In your Saturday paper (July 3), you have a balloon picture which is upside-down. And in that picture, I had to look twice. I says, "How can a balloon be flying like that," until I turned the paper around upside-down. Then I could see what happened. It's really, really funny. You show me when you can ever fly a balloon with the small end on top and the big end on the bottom. Please be more careful when you print pictures.

Editor's note: As stated in the photo's caption, the shot was a reflection.

Going to Inverness

I wanted to call in about the Crystal River fireworks. I think it is absurd how they changed the spot where they are going off from. They used to have a perfect spot and as many people as they wanted to could go and see them. And now they're in King's Bay and there are two restaurants you can park in to see them. Well, this year I went to Inverness. Sorry.

Fizzle

Do you mean that Citrus County paid for those fireworks last night? That was sad. Couldn't be seen unless you were standing right there. Ugh, disappointment.

State of corruption

Thank you, Gerry Mulligan, for showing the people, and having the courage to show the people, how absolutely corrupt the Republican Party is here in Florida. It's unbelievable how they cater to the utility companies, oil companies and all the big corporations to line their pockets. They're only interested in power to run everything and that will be running us little guys into the ground. And thank you again, Gerry Mulligan. It takes a real man to say what you said and I'm glad that you can see it. I have seen it for years and years and years, but of course nobody listens to you when you're a Democrat in this state.

Wired warriors

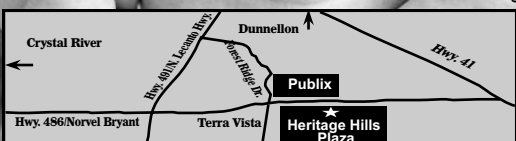
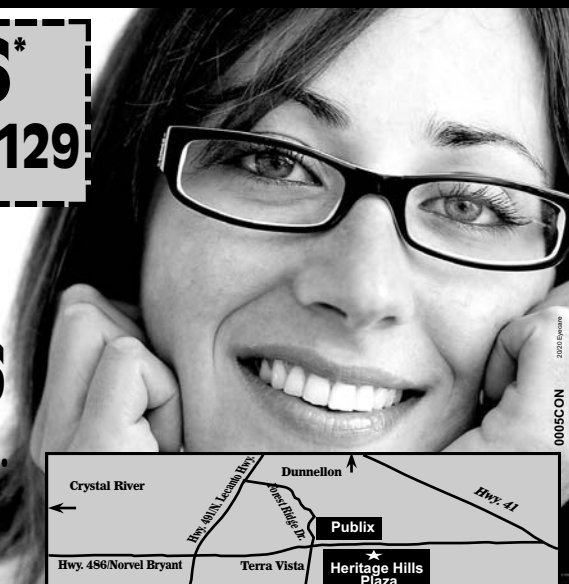
This is in regards to the "Free Internet" Sound Off of July 4. I just want that person to know that people in the military have free Internet when they deploy. I was in the Air Force, and when I was deployed in 2006, we had free Internet. I also never paid for a long-distance call home. What a service member would do is, they'd call a DSN number to the nearest base closest to their home, then ask the operator for an open line. Every service member figures this out by the end of the first week.



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**CITRUS COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**  
THURSDAY July 15, 2010 at 9:00 AM  
Lecanto Government Building  
3600 West Sovereign Path  
Room 166  
Lecanto, Florida 34461

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A. CALL TO ORDER  
B. INVOCATION  
C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 1, 2010  
E. APPLICATIONS

**PLAT VACATION (PV) - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**  
PV-10-02 - William C. Lanigan on behalf of Ray E. Markham  
**REQUEST:** To vacate the 15-foot utility easement lying between Lots 14 & 15, Block 138 (Parcel 90), Unit No. 3 of Homosassa, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 45, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida. A portion of Missouri Avenue, which has been vacated, lies to the east of this proposed vacate and is part of the subject property.  
STAFF CONTACT: Kandi Harper, Senior Planner

**STREET VACATION (SV) - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE**  
SV10-01- Laura A. Olson for William and Crystal Huggins  
**REQUEST:** To vacate a portion of W. Oliver Street lying adjacent to Lot 1, Block 49, Town of Homosassa, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6 and Prescriptive Plat Book 1, Pages 35-43, public records of Citrus County, Florida.  
**LOCATION:** W. Oliver Street, Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 17 East  
STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Coutu, AICP, Principal Planner

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS/ATLAS AMENDMENTS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (PDO)**  
CPA/AA/PDO-10-03- Bill Andrews for Homosassa Civic Club, INC.  
**REQUEST:** A change to the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM) on a 4.7 acres parcel from Rural Residential (RUR) to Industrial (IND). With a corresponding change to the Land Development Code Atlas (LDCA) on the same area from RUR to the new Light Industrial (LIND) district. They will be establishing a Master Plan of Development through the Planned Development Overlay (PDO) process on the 4.7 acre site.  
**LOCATION:** Section 08, Township 20 South, Range 19 East. Further described as the Eastern one half of Parcels 83 and 84 of Citranando, an unrecorded subdivision (also known as parcel 1A000 0835). The site address is 5259 W. Cardinal Lane (Homosassa area).  
STAFF CONTACT: Heather Urwiller, Concurrency/Impact Fee Coordinator

**F. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:** Heather Urwiller, Concurrency/Impact Fee Coordinator, to discuss the current issues to be evaluated as part of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report. A list of recommended issues will be compiled and sent to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review and comment as a letter of understanding.

**G. ADJOURN**  
If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
Any person requiring reasonable accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the County Administrator's Office, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, (352) 341-6560, at least two days before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, use the TDD telephone (352) 341-6580.

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Associated Press  
**Nicole Pringle, 15, from Glen Burnie, Md., cools off Wednesday in front of a sprinkler in the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The eastern U.S. cooked for another day as unrelenting heat pushed thermometers near 100 degrees.**

# Recent near-collisions raise alarms

## Air safety summit in August to address spike

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alarmed by a spate of near-collisions involving airliners, the government is trying to find out why air traffic controllers and pilots are making so many dangerous errors.

In recent months, there have been at least a half-dozen incidents in which airliners came close to colliding with other planes or helicopters — including in Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, Burbank, Calif., and Anchorage, Alaska. In some cases, pilots made last-second changes in di-

rection after cockpit alarms went off warning of an impending crash.

“This spring we had several close calls that got everybody’s attention, and I think that’s the thing that really keyed us into taking a look at some of the risks, try to identify what we’re missing,” Robert Tarter, vice president of Federal Aviation Administration’s Office of Safety-Air Traffic Organization, told employees in a conference call kicking off the new safety effort.

Just last week, a United Airlines flight waiting to land at Reagan National Airport near Washington

came within less than a mile of a Gulfstream business jet that was climbing after taking off from another nearby airport. The United pilot can be heard on an air traffic control recording saying to his controller, “That was close,” according to Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., a passenger on the United flight who has listened to the recording.

The FAA has also seen a sharp spike in incidents in which planes violated minimum separation distances, a cornerstone of air traffic safety. The rate for the most egregious violations of FAA separation standards rose to

3.28 per million flight operations in the nine months ending June 30, up from 2.44 in the full year ending Sept. 30, 2009. Flight operations include takeoffs, landings and when planes pass from the control of one radar center to another. It’s the job of air traffic controllers to keep planes separated.

FAA has also been receiving about 250 to 300 reports a week under a new program that encourages controllers to disclose their mistakes. In exchange, the agency promises not to use the information to punish employees. Instead, the reports are used to spot trends. The program is modeled on a similar program for pilots.

In response to these warning signs, FAA is convening a summit of employees and management, as well as other safety experts, in Washington on Aug. 17. The event will mark the third time in less than four years the agency has hosted a special meeting to address urgent safety problems. In 2007, FAA held a summit in response to concern about planes coming too close together on runways. Last year, the agency called together airlines and pilots unions in response to revelations about the training, pay, experience and work schedules of pilots at regional airlines following a crash near Buffalo, N.Y., that killed 50 people.

**Barge hits tourist boat, 2 missing**

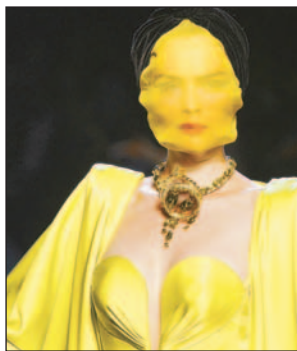
PHILADELPHIA — An amphibious sightseeing boat that stalled in the Delaware River was knocked over by an oncoming barge Wednesday, spilling 37 people overboard and leaving two passengers unaccounted for after a frantic rescue effort.

The six-wheeled “duck boat” had driven into the water just after 2:30 p.m. and suffered a mechanical problem and a small fire, officials said. It was struck about 10 minutes later by a barge used to transport sludge, then sank.

Searchers were looking for a 16-year-old girl and a 20-year-old man believed to have been aboard the vessel, which can travel seamlessly on land and water.

**World BRIEFS**

**Haute**



Associated Press  
**A model presents a creation by French fashion designer Jean-Paul Gaultier Wednesday for his fall-winter 2010/2011 Haute Couture collection in Paris.**

**‘Barefoot Bandit’ hunted in Bahamas**

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas — A wily teenage thief who hopscothed his way across the U.S. and escaped in a stolen plane to the Bahamas lived up to his legend Wednesday, eluding a manhunt after allegedly committing a new series of break-ins on a normally quiet island.

Bahamian police interviewed burglary victims while searching for Colton Harris-Moore on sun-speckled Great Abaco Island days after the fugitive who has been dubbed the “Barefoot Bandit” crash-landed the plane and made his way to shore.

His arrival coincided with an annual regatta that may make it easy for him to blend in among the crowds of visiting tourists.

A Royal Bahamian Police Force bulletin warned that the 19-year-old should be considered “armed and dangerous.” Back in the U.S., he has become a folk hero of sorts, with a fan club hawking T-shirts emblazoned with his image, songs about his exploits and tens of thousands of followers on Facebook.

Assistant Police Commissioner Glenn Miller said Harris-Moore is a suspect in the burglary of at least seven homes and businesses on Great Abaco, the largest of dozens of small islands and cays that are a part of the sprawling Bahamas archipelago east of Florida.

—From wire reports

# 27,000 abandoned wells



Associated Press  
**In this undated photo released by the California State Lands Commission, an older nearshore wellhead is shown off the coast of California. In state waters, California has resealed scores of its abandoned wells since the 1980s, but in federal waters, the official policy is out-of-sight, out-of-mind. Neither industry nor government checks for leaks at the more than 27,000 oil and gas wells abandoned in the Gulf of Mexico since the late 1940s. Abandoned wells are known sometimes to fail both on land and offshore. It happens so often that a technical term has been coined for the repair job: “re-abandonment.”**

## Environmental groups stunned at lack of government oversight

JEFF DONN  
 Associated Press

Leading environmental groups and a U.S. senator on Wednesday called on the government to pay closer attention to more than 27,000 abandoned oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico and take action to keep them from leaking even more crude into water already tainted by the massive BP spill.

The calls for action follow an Associated Press investigation that found federal regulators do not typically inspect plugging of these offshore wells or monitor for leaks afterward. Yet tens of thousands of oil and gas wells are improperly plugged on land, and abandoned wells have sometimes leaked offshore too, state and federal regulators acknowledge.

Melanie Duchin, a spokeswoman with Greenpeace, said she was “shell-shocked” by the AP report and upset that government wasn’t “doing a thing to make sure they weren’t leaking.”

Of 50,000 wells drilled over the past six decades in the Gulf, 23,500 have been permanently abandoned. Another 3,500 are classified by federal regulators as “temporarily abandoned,” but some have been left that way since the 1950s, without the full safeguards of permanent abandonment.

Petroleum engineers say that even in properly sealed wells, the cement plugs can fail over the decades and the metal casing that lines the wells can rust. Even depleted production wells can repressurize over time and spill oil if their sealings fail.

Regulators at the Minerals Management Service — recently renamed the Bureau of Ocean

Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement — have routinely been accepting industry reports on well closures without inspecting the work. And no one — in industry or government — has been conducting checks on wells that have been abandoned for years.

In its investigation, the AP found a series of warnings. For instance, the General Accountability Office, which investigates for Congress, warned in 1994 that leaks from offshore abandoned wells could cause an “environmental disaster.” The report stated: “MMS does not have an overall inspection strategy for targeting its limited resources to ensuring that wells are properly plugged and abandoned.”

The GAO report suggested MMS set up an inspection program, but the agency never did.

According to a 2001 study commissioned by MMS, agency officials were “concerned that some abandoned oil wells in the Gulf may be leaking crude oil.” But nothing came of that warning.

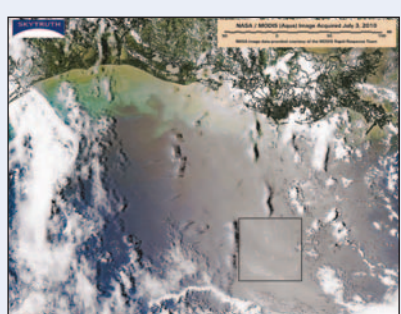
The oil that has been gushing from a BP PLC well since an exploratory oil rig exploded April 20 is an uncomfortable reminder of

the potential for leaking at abandoned wells. The well was being prepared for temporary abandonment when it blew out, setting off one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history.

Wells are abandoned temporarily for a variety of reasons. In the case of the BP spill, the well was being capped until a later production phase. Oil companies also may temporarily abandon wells as they re-evaluate their potential or develop a plan to overcome a drilling problem or damage from a storm. Some owners temporarily abandon wells as they re-evaluate their potential for oil prices.

Regulators for temporarily abandoned wells require oil companies to present plans to reuse or permanently plug such wells within a year — and then an annual review — though the AP found those rules are used to allow wells to remain “temporarily” abandoned forever.

After repeated requests, federal regulators acknowledged Tuesday that some abandoned wells have leaked in the past. However, a government petroleum engineer, Eric Kazanis, told the AP that abandoned wells aren’t considered a risk and aren’t “supposed to leak.”



**This July 3 satellite photo released by NASA and processed by SkyTruth shows a cluster of oil slicks caused by natural oil and gas seeps in the Gulf, highlighted by a detail box, about 120 miles off the Louisiana coast in deep water at the edge of the continental shelf.**

■ Interactive look at abandoned wells: [www.chronicleonline.com](http://www.chronicleonline.com) and click on “Abandoned wells.”

# U.S., Russia spy swap rumored

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Cold War-style intrigue over a reputed spy ring nabbed in the United States deepened Wednesday as word emerged of a possible scheme to swap Russians who hid in American suburbia for an imprisoned arms-control researcher and others who passed secrets to the U.S.

Dmitry Sutyagin says his brother Igor, who is serving a 14-year prison term, was told he is among convicted spies who are to be exchanged for Russians arrested by the FBI.

Officials from both the United States and Russia refused to comment on the claim, but Dmitry Sutyagin said his brother could be whisked off to Vienna and then to London for a planned exchange as early as Thursday.

In the U.S., American officials met with the Russian ambassador in Washington and a hearing for three alleged spies was canceled in Virginia. They were ordered to New York along with two other alleged spies who waived their right to a local hearing in Boston.

The other five defendants were already in custody in New York.

Igor Sutyagin was told by Russian officials that he and other convicted spies are to be exchanged for the 10 Russians arrested by the FBI last month, his brother said. U.S. officials were also at the meeting held Monday at a prison in Arkhangelsk, in northwestern Russia, his brother said.

The spy swap, if confirmed, would continue a pattern of spy exchanges begun during the Cold War. In one of those most famous cases, downed U.S. U-2 spy plane pilot Francis Gary Powers was exchanged for KGB spy Col. Rudolph Abel in 1962.

According to his brother, Sutyagin said the Russian officials had shown him a list of 11 people to be included in the swap. The brother said Sutyagin only remembered one other person on the list — Sergei Skripal — a colonel in the Russian military intelligence who in 2006 was sentenced to 13 years on charges of spying for Britain.

The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Federal Penitentiary Service said they had no comment on the claim and a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy was not immediately available for comment.

In Washington, both FBI spokesman William Carter and the State Department declined to comment.

■ Armstrong shares blame for poor ride on Stage 3 of Tour de France./B5



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## Header sends Spain to World Cup final



Spain's Carles Puyol, center, celebrates scoring the only goal during the World Cup semifinal match Wednesday against Germany at the Moses Mabhida stadium in Durban, South Africa. Spain defeated Germany 1-0.

### Spaniards beat Germans 1-0, heads to final for first time

Associated Press

DURBAN, South Africa — They pressured Germany the entire match and peppered its goalkeeper so many times a score seemed inevitable.

Finally, with a mighty swing of his head that sent his long, curly locks flying, Spain's Carles Puyol got it done.

With the World Cup final in reach — and Queen Sofia

cheering from the stands — La Roja came through with their best game yet.

"We've shown that in the big moments we can grow even more," striker David Villa said after Spain's 1-0 semifinal victory over Germany on Wednesday night. "We should have scored more goals, but one from Puyol has put us in the final."

Spain will play for the World Cup title for the very

#### World Cup final

- Teams: Spain versus Netherlands
- Time: 2:30 p.m.
- Date: Sunday, July 11
- Place: Soccer City in Johannesburg

first time, thanks to Puyol's goal on that powerful header in the second half. The game was a repeat, down to the final score, of the 2008 European Championship final when Spain beat Germany to win its first major title in 44 years. European bragging rights

are one thing. Being the world champion is something else.

When the final whistle sounded, the Spanish players on the field thrust their arms in the air while the substitutes raced out to join them. Two teammates grabbed Villa, who has scored all but two of Spain's goals here, and carried him on their shoulders.

In the stands, Spanish fans partied deep into the night, waving flags, banging on drums and singing chorus after chorus of "Ole! Ole! Ole!"

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### DISTRICT 15 LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

(ALL GAMES AT BICENTENNIAL PARK, CRYSTAL RIVER)

#### Major Baseball Pool A

TEAM	W	L
Crystal River	2	1
Greater Hudson	2	1
West Hernando	2	1
Shady Hills	0	3

#### Pool B

TEAM	W	L
Dunnellon	2	0
Central Citrus	2	0
Inverness	2	1
Dixie County	0	2
Lady Lake	0	3

#### Junior Baseball Pool A

TEAM	W	L
Dunnellon	2	0
Lady Lake	0	1
Central Citrus	0	1

#### Pool B

TEAM	W	L
Greater Hudson	1	0
Inverness	1	0
West Hernando	0	2

#### Senior Baseball

TEAM	W	L
Crystal River	2	0
West Hernando	2	1
Shady Hills	0	1
Greater Hudson	0	2

Wednesday, July 7  
 Major Baseball  
 (at West Hernando (WH) and Central Citrus (CC))  
 Central Citrus 5, Inverness 2  
 Dunnellon 22, Lady Lake 1  
 West Hernando 14, Greater Hudson 4  
 Crystal River 9, Shady Hills 8  
 Junior Baseball  
 Dunnellon 8, Lady Lake 0  
 Senior Baseball  
 (at West Hernando)  
 West Hernando 22, Greater Hudson 2

Thursday, July 8  
 Major Baseball  
 (at Central Citrus (CC))  
 6:30 p.m. Dixie County vs. Central Citrus (CC)  
 6:30 p.m. Inverness vs. Dunnellon (CC)  
 Junior Baseball  
 (at West Hernando (WH) and Central Citrus (CC))  
 6:30 p.m. Lady Lake vs. Central Citrus (CC)  
 6:30 p.m. Greater Hudson vs. Inverness (WH)

Friday, July 9  
 Major Baseball  
 (at West Hernando (WH) and Central Citrus (CC))  
 Central Citrus (CC)  
 Dunnellon vs. Central Citrus (CC)  
 Lady Lake vs. Dixie County (CC)  
 Senior Baseball  
 (at West Hernando)  
 6:30 p.m. Crystal River vs. Shady Hills

Saturday, July 10  
 Major Baseball  
 (at Central Citrus)  
 11 a.m. Semifinal Game  
 (Crystal River vs. Teams TBA) C.C.  
 11 a.m. Semifinal Game  
 (West Hernando vs. TBA) W.H.  
 Junior Baseball  
 (at Central Citrus)  
 11 a.m. Championship Game: Dunnellon vs. Winner of Crystal River/Greater Hudson game  
 Senior Baseball  
 (at West Hernando)  
 11 a.m. Shady Hills vs. Greater Hudson

Sunday, July 11  
 Major Baseball  
 (at Central Citrus)  
 11 a.m. Championship Game (Teams TBA)

## 'Major' Showdown



Photos by DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Central Citrus' Anthony Obday tags out Inverness' Dalton Dawson at second base Wednesday during the District 15 All-Star Tournament at Central Citrus.

### Central Citrus defeats Inverness, Crystal River clinches pool in Major All-Stars

JOHN COSCIA  
 Chronicle

Two county teams battled at Central Ridge Park in Beverly Hills on Wednesday night. By the time the dust settled, Central Citrus outlasted Inverness 5-2 for an important victory in pool play of the Major All-Stars tournament.

In the end it was Jarrad Neeld and Kyler Speagle who combined for a solid pitching effort which proved to be the difference.

Inverness jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Alex Atkinson reached on a one-out single to center field. Atkinson advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on Tyler Pillsbury's RBI single.

Central Citrus was quick to answer in the home half



Jarrad Neeld (12) is patted on the back by his Central Citrus teammates after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning against Inverness. Central Citrus won the game 5-2.

of the first, taking a 2-1 lead. Anthony Obday started off with a one-out double and scored when

Neeld blasted a two-run homer.

Inverness then was looking for an answer and found

it in their very next at-bat. Matthew Kelley hit a solo home run to tie the game in the top of the second.

That, however, was the last run Inverness would plate on the night. And when Central Citrus scored three runs in the third inning, it was all they would need to seal the victory.

Speagle and Neeld started the frame with back-to-back lead-off singles. Speagle would come around eventually and score on a wild pitch. Neeld scored the team's fourth run when Travis McGee laced a shot into the gap for an RBI double. Hunter Carl bunted McGee over to third and Matthew Lopes' bunt scored him with the game's final run.

Inverness appeared poised for one last rally when Trent Beagan led the sixth inning off with a stand-up triple. But the next batter hit a comebacker to the mound and

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## Bosh, Wade join forces; both wait for LeBron

### Powerful pair to sign with Miami

Associated Press

DAVIE — Dwyane Wade's future was muddled and uncertain, until Chris Bosh told him where he wanted to spend the next few years. "I'm feeling Miami," Bosh said.

Those three words were all Wade needed to make his decision.

Will they be enough to sway LeBron James to Miami? Stay tuned. Ending months of speculation, Wade and Bosh announced Wednesday that they'll sign with Miami, two decisions that vault the Heat back into the NBA championship picture and puts them two-thirds of the way to hitting one of



Photos by Associated Press

Dwyane Wade agreed Wednesday to stay and play for the Miami Heat next season. He made his decision after Chris Bosh elected Miami too.

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Chris Bosh announced Wednesday he will join the Miami Heat and play alongside Wade, another All-Star free agent. The powerful pair hope LeBron James will join them there.

### James to announce his decision tonight

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — More than two years of hype, drama, conjecture and expectation have dwindled to a few more hours.

LeBron James' big moment is here — not as an NBA champion but as a free agent. There will be no parade, no ring ceremony, no banner raising.

Instead, on a prime time made-for-TV special his handlers contracted with ESPN, James will announce tonight where he'll play next season and beyond. Fans from coast to coast will tune in to watch, with the ones in his home

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# RUSTIC ROOTS

*New eatery goes country*

**JULIANNE MUNN**  
*Chronicle*

**E**nvision a BLT made with fried green tomatoes. And an oven-roasted turkey dinner with all the trimmings, or maybe a Sicilian-style meatloaf or a crisp Bacon Pecan Waffle.

These are just a very few of the many entrees, salads, sandwiches, breakfast items and much, much more on the menu at the new Rustic Ranch Restaurant in downtown Inverness, where farm and sea direct to table is the gold standard for dining.

Innovative and welcome touches at the Ranch include sea salt and black peppercorn grinders at each table and entrees served with flaky cinnamon-sugar twists.

Owners Chad McPherson and partner Kim Dillon opened the Rustic Ranch in April after completely remodeling the site with hand-hewn log walls and counters, and providing seating for 140 patrons in booths displaying the initials of family members.

The decor is indeed rustic, but all sparkling new and reflective of the Citrus County farming community, according to McPherson, who was born and reared in the Inverness area. The Western "brands" on the booths denote old area families, he said, such as Rooks, Van Ness and Bellamy.

He and his father, Paul, did the remodeling of the former Granny's Soul Food building, splitting logs for the feature wall. McPherson said his restaurant experience includes the former Cinnamon Sticks and Stumpknockers.

"We try to buy all of our vegetables and fruits locally and our seafood is fresh daily, arriving whole and ready for us to fillet," he said. All the beef is organic, grass fed. We pride ourselves on the

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**TOP RIGHT:** Chad McPherson and Kim Dillon, owners of the Rustic Ranch Restaurant and Bakery in Inverness, show some of the more popular items on their menu. Chad holds their version of a Southern favorite, shrimp and grits. Displayed on the table is grouper sandwich, filleted in-house, and a hand-cut sirloin cooked over a wood grill and served with loaded mashed potatoes and fried green tomatoes.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Western decor adorns the restaurant.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle



Julianne Munn  
**OVER EASY**

## Stock up for storm season

**I**t's time — or past time — for everyone to check those hurricane preparation lists. A busy season was forecast for 2010 and it did get an early start with Hurricane Alex in June.

It's easy to be complacent, but the tropics have a way of sneaking up on the unsuspecting. So, be sure your pantry has non-perishable emergency food items, you have an evacuation plan and all important papers are in a waterproof, easily accessible safe place.

Even if Citrus County dodges any direct hits, fall-out from storms in the Gulf or traversing the state can result in lengthy power outages that are no fun if you're not prepared. Stay alert and stay safe!

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Bill Marsh and his wife, Cessy, operate Bill's Grill at the corner of County Roads 495 and 488 in DeRosa Plaza. They are an engaging couple with backgrounds in Hollywood, Calif., he as an animal handler/trainer for movies and she as a child actress in various films and television series.

You can get sandwiches and full dinners at Bill's Grill and if you linger a bit, they may share some of their stories, including his stint catering meals on a film set years ago with the famed Chef Wolfgang Puck.

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Do you need to make mealtime easier during the hot, steamy days of July? Following are a few ideas:

### MAIN DISH NOODLE SALAD

- 3 packages Ramen noodles
- 1/2 cup cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red onion, minced
- 2 bunches green onions, cleaned and sliced
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, minced

Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain. Rinse in cold water and drain again.

In bowl, combine noodles,

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## Nischan: A burger with a local feel

**Editor's note:** Celebrate the delicious diversity of the great American hamburger. Each week for 20 weeks, the AP will feature a new burger created by the biggest names in the food world.

**J.M. HIRSCH**  
*AP food editor*

For Michel Nischan, building a better burger is part of making the world a better place.

"I have seen all kinds of outlandish burger ideas, from making burgers with vegetables, fish, shrimp, you name it," said Nischan, whose

cookbook, "Sustainably Delicious," and Westport, Conn., restaurant Dressing Room focus on ecologically sound eating.

"Yet as great and creative as these burgers can be (and fun), nothing beats a burger made with the meat that burgers were meant to be made with — grass-fed and grass-finished beef," Nischan said in an e-mail.

The greatness of a burger depends almost entirely on the quality of the meat. And because cattle were intended to eat only grass, he says the best burgers come from those that ate only that. Once he has his beef, he still likes to dress it up a bit.

"Once cooked to your liking, pairing this meat with cheese and butter from grass-fed dairy cattle adds a

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# EASY

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cucumber and red onion. Whisk together remaining ingredients. Pour over pasta mixture. Add fresh green onion slices. Cover and chill at least 1 hour:

## ITALIAN PIZZA SALAD

- 1 1/4 cups (3 1/2 ounces) uncooked dried wagon wheel pasta
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
- 1/2 pound deli provolone cheese, 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 ounces sliced deli pepperoni, halved
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions. Rinse with cold water. Drain.

Combine cooked pasta and all remaining ingredients in large serving bowl; toss to coat. Cover; refrigerate until chilled (2 to 3 hours).

## EASY CHEESY RICE AND BEAN SALAD

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 (11-ounce) can whole kernel corn with red and green peppers
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 teaspoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) deli Cheddar cheese, 1/2-inch cubes
- Roma tomato slices or tomato wedges, if desired

Combine rice, black beans and corn in large bowl; mix well.

Stir together oil and lime juice in small bowl; pour over rice mixture. Add 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro; mix lightly. Cover; refrigerate 2 hours or overnight. Just before serving, stir in cheese. Garnish with tomatoes, if desired.

— Land O Lakes

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# Love the wine you're with

At the end of the classic movie "Casablanca," Bogart tells Bergman, in his unique throaty voice, "We'll always have Paris." What he meant was really good memories are never forgotten, like certain exceptional wines we may have tasted over the years?

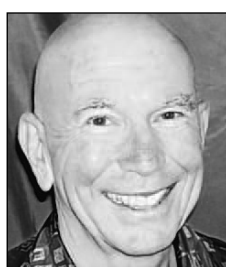
Notice the question mark because I have sampled a lot of wine over the past five decades or so, and while I do recall the names of some of the best, it's hard to mentally evoke a living, breathing delicious flavor. I mean, we can think about the taste of juicy prime rib au jus, but until I am actually chomping down on the stuff, it's still just a thought.

Psychologists can explain this phenomenon much better than I. A little book called "Wine Memories" is filled with all sorts of tidbits and reminiscences regarding wine and wine experiences. Some of it is funny; other parts are romantic, while some sections, in my view, are just overstated hyperbole.

Here's an example. Truman Capote writes about a premium Champagne called "Cristal," which costs somewhere around \$200 a bottle. He says of Cristal "that it displays its pale blaze, a chilled fire of such prickly dryness that swallowed, seems not to have been swallowed at all, but instead have been turned to vapours on the tongue, and burned there to one sweet ash." Which is certainly pretty prose, but just a tad overstated, don't you think? "Sweet ash" indeed!

But now look at John Keats, who tells us about claret (Englishman's name for Bordeaux): "It fills one's mouth with a gushing freshness ... you do not feel it is quarreling with one's liver ... 'tis fragrant as the Queen Bee ... walks like Aladdin about his enchanted palace." Of course Keats was a world-class poet and we

can expect no less. The comic stuff offers a chuckle. Art Buchwald talks about spitting. He was instructed by a noted connoisseur to swirl and spit, but never swallow while tasting. One day Buchwald went to



Ron Drinkhouse  
WINES & SUCH

visit noted Baron de Rothschild at his ultra famous vineyards. While sipping some of the "Mouton-Rothschild" (only one of five first-growth Bordeaux) he did, indeed, spit it out — right onto a priceless 18<sup>th</sup>-century carpet. The incident was reported in the French version of "Reader's Digest," and the noble baron was so amused by the story in print, he sent Buchwald a case of priceless 1959 Mouton, rated by some the perfect 100-score wine.

Another time he recounts, while up in the attic, he discovered a pile of empty wine bottles. In horror he realized it was his treasured, irreplaceable Mouton. He let out a strangled scream and rushed to ask his daughter what happened. "Oh Daddy," she answered, "We couldn't find any Blue Nun."

I split my sides at James Thurber's piece, "How to Tell a Fine Old Wine." He tells us, for example, the phrase "mise du chateau" (bottled on the premises) means in fact "mice in the house," while "Premier Cru" (superior first growth) implies simply wine consumed first.

Humorist Russel Baker (the columnist) writes about the infamous wine ritual in a restaurant. "When the waiter hands you the cork ... then return it ... and ask him to have it chopped very fine and put in the salad." Furthermore, while tasting the selection "roll ... it across the palate ... let it settle ... gargle a quantity of air ... while making loud snoring sounds."

The writer Spalding Grey recounts his early experiences with wine. It seems the first he ever tried was "Great Western" sparkling burgundy at his gram's house over Thanksgiving dinner. He says he liked it so much and it made him so happy he wanted more. So one night he and his underage pal were trying to buy some, and they asked a sailor to go into the package store and get them a red wine. He came back with a jug of Petri port, and that's how he found out about other kinds of wine. He missed the bubbles in the sparkler, but the Petri port "had about twice the amount of alcohol ... it felt thick and warm in my belly as we guzzled it down, late at night, parked in Pete's '49 Ford at the end of a deserted gravel pit. It made us laugh a lot."

This story reminds me of the night my friend Ollie and I had about a buck to our name, as we were staying over the Christmas holiday at school to work for some spending money. One free evening we had a choice from our meager cash reserve between chocolate malteds (this was 1950) and a gallon bottle of Roma burgundy. The burgundy won out. We did laugh a lot, but trying to work the next morning was a nightmare — my head!

Tomes have been set down regarding the issue of "Best Bottle Ever." No one wrote better about wine than Frank Prial, longtime retired critic for *The New York Times*. He tells us it's a game of "wine one-upmanship that is always difficult to play."

People talk about this extraordinary vintage, or that incredible aged Champagne, or the 100-year-old

burgundy that tasted as if it were still young. So imagine my surprise when Prial, who has sampled some of the most extraordinary wines ever created, says, "How could I admit that one of the most memorable of all for me was a jug of Almadén Mountain Chablis shared one warm Sunday afternoon, in 1954, with four other sailors on the Coast Guard cutter 'McLain.'"

They had just come back from a long tough patrol ... it was the first decent meal in many days ... the ship was no longer bucking like a crazy horse ... and while drinking on board was illegal ... no one else was around. He says, "That cold wine made for an afternoon few gourmet chefs could surpass."

Prial is telling us is it's tough to single out a "best" bottle because drinking wine involves a lot more than just the taste of the moment. He goes on to report: "That best bottle? Who knows? It may be the one we open tonight." Well said, sir. I look forward to popping that next cork.

Here are three from the Hope Family Winery Liberty School group. 1. 2008 Chardonnay — a tangerine nose, flavors of green apple dipped in caramel. I know it sounds wild, but that's what I got. 2. 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon — Smell the ripe plums and taste lovely ripe currants. 3. 2007 Cuvée (coo-vey) — a blend of five grapes including Syrah, Petite Syrah, and Mourvedre, cherries on the nose and balanced (no jarring notes) red fruits. Any or all are perfect for summer cookouts. About \$12 and a Best Buy.

Oak Ridge resident Ron Drinkhouse was a buyer and seller of wines in his native Connecticut. He welcomes inquiries, and can be reached via e-mail at [ronoct9@aol.com](mailto:ronoct9@aol.com) or call (352) 445-0328.

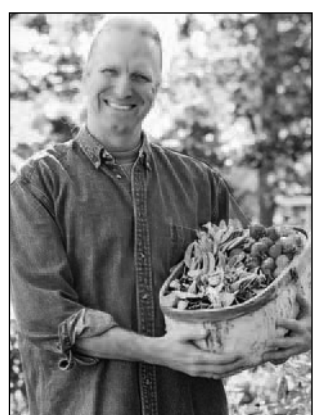
# NISCHAN

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depth of additional richness that takes the burger closer to the promised land," he said. "And of course, what would a good sustainable burger be without the deep, tomato-y sweetness of locally grown, vine-ripened heirloom tomatoes?"

Which is to say, if you want to taste Nischan's ultimate eco burger, you'll need to shop close to home, searching out local sources for the very best ingredients. It also means that every burger will be different, the tastes influenced by the variations in the land and animals that produced the ingredients.

"Let's bring back Main Street America by cooking a good sustainable burger," he said. "The immediate reward is flavor. The ultimate reward is a better world!"



Associated Press

For chef Michel Nischan, building a better burger is part of making the world a better place.

ries; 371 calories from fat; 41 g fat (19 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 324 mg cholesterol; 31 g carbohydrate; 48 g protein; 5 g fiber; 1,160 mg sodium.

## THE ULTIMATE ECO-BURGER

Start to finish: 25 minutes  
Servings: 4

- 1 pound grass-fed, grass-finished ground beef
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons butter from grass-fed dairy cows, divided
- 4 free-range eggs
- 4 slices cheddar cheese
- 8 slices whole-grain bread or 4 whole-grain rolls
- 2 medium heirloom tomatoes (2 varieties if possible)
- 8 slices cooked bacon
- 4 leaves lettuce

Heat a gas grill to medium or prepare a charcoal or wood grill, banking the coals to one side.

Divide the beef into quarters and form into patties. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium. Place 1 tablespoon of the butter in the pan and coat the bottom. Crack the eggs individually into the pan and cook sunny side up. Remove from the pan and set aside.

When the grill is heated, cook the burgers for 4 minutes on the first side. Flip the burgers and top each with 1/2 tablespoon of the remaining butter; then top each with a slice of the cheese. Continue cooking to desired doneness.

When the burgers are done, transfer them to a warm plate and let rest for 3 minutes. Toast the bread or buns on the grill until slightly browned and crispy.

To assemble the burgers, arrange a slice of each tomato on the bottom of each bun, followed by the burger; 2 slices of bacon, a leaf of lettuce, an egg and the top of the bun.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 691 calo-



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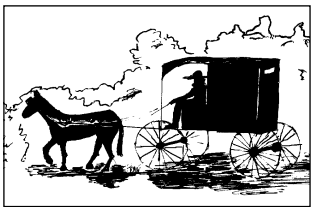
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# Summer garden goodies add flavor to mealtimes

It is a beautiful Monday morning with a nice breeze blowing in through the west window. The temperature is almost 80 degrees at 10:30 a.m. Our laundry should dry really well on the lines today.



Lovina Eicher

## THE AMISH COOK

ing some of their own stories about brain injuries. It makes us feel fortunate compared to what others have dealt with.

Verena also wants me to thank all the readers who sent cards, gifts and nice notes. She enjoys receiving them and reading all the good wishes. She has physical therapy only once this week and we hope she will soon be able to do most of it here at home.

Daughters Elizabeth, 16, and Susan, 14, are going to start corn-detasseling soon, maybe next week. I will miss their good help here at home.

We have cucumbers and zucchini ready in the garden. It is beginning to make mealtime easier with all of the garden goodies being ready. I also noticed I had a

small green pepper hanging on one of my plants. I love this time of the year when you can go out to the garden and harvest all kinds of vegetables.

A reader in Traverse City requested the zucchini casserole.

### HOMEMADE ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

- 3 cups grated zucchini
- 1 cup Bisquick
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup shredded Velveeta cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 small onion, diced

Preheat oven to 350. Mix everything together in a large mixing bowl. Make sure the zucchini is thoroughly coated and mixed in. Pour into 2-quart casserole and bake for 45 to 60 minutes. Delicious!

Lovina Eicher, along with her husband, Joe, are raising eight children on their rural Michigan homestead. Lovina shares snippets of her traditional Old Order Amish life.

# RUSTIC

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freshness of our food. "As some people know, we originated from the Cinnamon Sticks concept. We have evolved from that original concept and now make as many of our dishes from scratch as we possibly can."

"We cook all of our steaks, chicken, pork and seafood on an open flame wood-burning grill (the first in the county, according to McPherson), and we use orange wood, which really gives our food great flavor."

The menu at the Ranch is a delight, from imaginative breakfasts and lunches to hearty dinners and senior menus, too.

Such creations as the Sicilian Meatloaf are tasty and interesting. The meatloaf is composed of beef and pork, stuffed with salami, ham, provolone cheese and topped with marinara sauce.

Start with your green tomatoes; slice them nice and thick dip them in a little flour. Then dip them in egg and then dip them in breadcrumbs. Fry till golden.

The complete roasted turkey dinner with stuffing, made-from-scratch mashed potatoes, bacon-cooked green beans and cranberry sauce tops out at \$9.95 and most folks will need a to-go box for leftovers.

Salads include such treats as the Country Orchard with herb-grilled chicken, Swiss cheese, smoked bacon, raisins, cranberries, tomatoes, apple slices, pecans and grapes on Romaine lettuce served with Apple Cider Vinaigrette for \$7.95 large and \$6.95 half-size.

Breakfast is a whole other world at the Ranch, with such favorites as homemade country-fried steak and sausage gravy and two eggs for \$8.95; Bacon Pecan Waffle for \$5.79; all sorts of crepes stuffed with everything from fruit to ricotta cheese to savory fillings, all under \$7.

Clearly, a lot of time and thought went into the menu at the Rustic Ranch and it won't disappoint. Gina Stringfellow is the pastry maker for all the desserts and breads at the restaurant.

Thirsty? Just about any beverage you can think of is ready and waiting, including cappuccino and lattes in an array



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Another favorite is the chocolate ganache pancakes. Two huge chocolate cakes with Bavarian cream layered between the cakes then covered with whipped cream and topped off with chocolate syrup.

of flavors, smoothies, coffees, teas, and the Arnold Palmer (1/2 each of tea and lemonade for \$1.59).

It seems impossible to go away hungry from this restaurant and it's open seven days a week at 104 U.S. 41, Inverness.

Following are recipes shared by Dillon and McPherson:

### FRIED GREEN TOMATO BLT

Start with your green tomatoes; slice them nice and thick dip them in a little flour. Then dip them in egg and then dip them in breadcrumbs. Fry till golden.

In the meantime toast up two nice pieces of wheat bread; spread the bread with mayonnaise (or they use sun-dried tomato mayo). Add fried green tomatoes and lettuce and bacon.

### SICILIAN MEATLOAF

This meatloaf is really a popular dinner item. The Rustic Ranch proprietors say: "We were tired of plain old meatloaf so we experimented!"

Use fresh ground beef. Prepare as you would regular meat loaf.

- 2 pounds of ground beef and ground pork mixture
- About 20 saltine crackers, crushed
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic

- 1 1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1/4 cup of ketchup

Mix ingredients well. Lay on parchment paper; press down to about 2-inch thickness. Lay 8 slices of ham, 6 slices of pepperoni and 5 slices of provolone cheese. Roll it so sliced meats and cheeses are wrapped up. Seal ground beef and bake in form-fitting pan like a bread pan so the cheese stays in. Bake at 300 degrees for 40 minutes. Let cool and serve with marinara and a slice of provolone over the top.

### SUNRISE PARFAIT

Homemade granola is so easy!

- 2 cups of old-fashioned oats
- 2 tablespoons of water
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 1/8 cup of vegetable oil or butter
- 2 tablespoons cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- Raisins and dried cranberries to taste
- 3/4 cup vanilla yogurt
- Seasonal fruits such as strawberries, grapes, pineapple

Mix and bake first seven ingredients for 15 to 20 minutes in a 300-degree oven. Add raisins and dried cranberries after taking oats out of oven, otherwise they will get too hard.

Cool granola. Now put about 3/4 cup vanilla yogurt in a chilled bowl with an assortment of fresh fruit (at the Rustic Ranch it's usually fresh strawberries, pineapple, grapes and whatever else is in season and hopefully grown locally). Add granola. Enjoy!

# No magic needed to enjoy butterbeer at home

ALISON LADMAN Associated Press

No need to travel to Hogmeade (or to Universal Orlando) to get a taste of Harry Potter's butterbeer. Universal isn't giving out its recipe, but we've created an easy version of the formerly fictional drink made famous by the young wizard.

- 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
- Four 12-ounce bottles cream soda

In a small saucepan over medium, combine the brown sugar and water. Bring to a gentle boil and cook, stirring often, until the mixture reads 240 F on a candy thermometer.

Stir in the butter, salt, vinegar and 1/4 cup heavy cream. Set aside to cool

to room temperature. Once the mixture has cooled, stir in the rum extract.

In a medium bowl, combine 2 tablespoons of the brown sugar mixture and the remaining 1/2 cup of heavy cream. Use an electric mixer to beat until just thickened, but not completely whipped, about 2 to 3 minutes.

To serve, divide the brown sugar mixture between 4 tall glasses (about 1/4 cup for each glass). Add 1/4 cup of cream soda to each glass, then stir to combine. Fill each glass nearly to the top with additional cream soda, then spoon the whipped topping over each.

A home-made version of Butterbeer, the drink of choice in the popular Harry Potter book series, is shown.

Associated Press



### BUTTERBEER

Start to finish: 1 hour (10 minutes active) Servings: 4

- 1 cup light or dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 6 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, divided

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**News NOTES**

**BH Lions to serve pancake breakfast**

The Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle Drive, will have its pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday.

The cost for breakfast is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

On the menu are all the pancakes you can eat, choice of sausage or bacon or combo, orange juice and coffee. For additional information, call Lion Janet at 527-0962.

**Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday**

Members of the Christian Motorcycle Association will perform Bike Blessings at Wholesale Leather and Motorcycle Accessories in Crystal River, corner of Citrus Avenue and U.S. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday.

For additional information, call 795-1346.

**Shop supports Daystar center**

Daystar Thrift Store offers bargains on personal and home items to raise money for the Daystar Life Center. Shoppers at Daystar Thrift Store can get 20 articles of clothing for \$1 in the 5-cent room; the thrift store features this special room with clothing for 5 cents for each piece.

Daystar Thrift Store supports the Daystar Life Center, an agency of United Way. The thrift store is at 6571 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway (State Road 44), directly across from Publix. Hours are 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**MOPH chapter to meet July 20**

Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) will conduct its bimonthly meeting at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the Citrus County Builders Association, 1196 S. Lecanto Highway (C.R. 491), Lecanto, approximately 1 mile south of State Road 44 on the west side of C.R. 491.

All combat-wounded veterans and parents, lineal descendants, spouses and siblings of living or deceased Purple Heart recipients are invited to attend the meeting and to become a Chapter 776 member.

Military Order of the Purple Heart life membership is \$50. There are no chapter dues.

To learn more about Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 MOPH, visit the Chapter 776 website at [www.citruspurpleheart.org](http://www.citruspurpleheart.org) or call 382-3847.

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**Outstanding women sought**

*Nominations due July 16 for honors*

Special to the Chronicle

Ten women will receive the honor and distinction of being the "most admired" in this community in the 14th annual 10 Most Admired Women selection sponsored by Altrusa International of Citrus County and the *Citrus County Chronicle*. The public is invited to submit nominations, which will then be the criteria for a committee selection process provided by members of Altrusa.

"There are so many women in this community who do so much for others and stand out for their achievements and accomplishments," said Ellen Zane, Altrusa president. "The members of Altrusa are delighted to present this opportunity."

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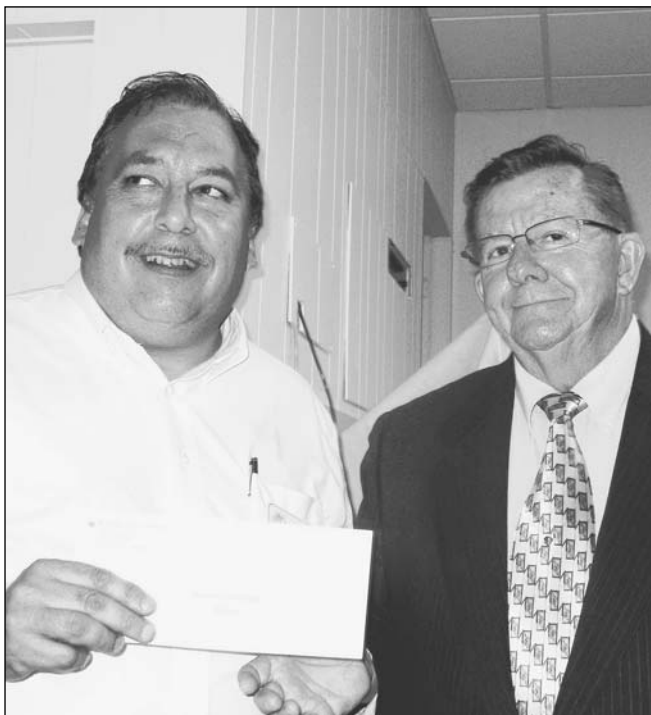
This year's categories are: Most Admired in Business, Most Admired in Government, Most Admired in Education, Most Admired in the Field of Health, Most Admired Up and Coming Youth, Most Admired Mother, Most Admired in the Arts, Most Admired Leader, Most Admired in Community Involvement and Most Admired Athlete.

The nomination ballot will appear in the *Chronicle* on Sunday. Those making nominations are also encouraged to submit brief summaries of qualifications and reasons they feel their nominee deserves this accolade. All nominees must be a resident of Citrus County.

Nominations must be received in the *Chronicle* business office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, July 16. These may be delivered to the Meadowcrest or Inverness office or mailed to: *Citrus County Chronicle*, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. Envelopes must be marked "10 Most Admired Women."

Entries may also be faxed to the *Chronicle* at 563-5665. Nominations can also be made online at [chronicleonline.com](http://chronicleonline.com). Click on the Special Section link at the top of the page, then click on 10 Most Admired Women.

Winners will be featured in the *Chronicle's* "10 Most Admired Women" special section to be published on Wednesday, Sept. 1. They will also be the honored guests at the Altrusa dinner meeting on Thursday, Oct. 7.



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ABOVE LEFT: Neil Sheehan, right, grand knight of The Knights of Columbus, Abbot Francis Sadlier Council 6168, presents Hospice of Citrus County Public Relations Manager Joseph Foster with a donation of \$500. The donation was made at the Knights of Columbus Annual Awards Banquet on June 17. ABOVE RIGHT: Melissa Walker, left, representing Key Training Foundation Inc., accepts a donation of \$3,686.55 from Grand Knight Sheehan at the awards banquet. The Lecanto-area council culminated a year of fundraising by awarding \$10,873.10 in gifts to eight Citrus County nonprofit organizations.

**Knights donate thousands to charities**

Special to the Chronicle

The Lecanto-area Council 6168 of the Knights of Columbus recently gave \$10,873.10 in charitable gifts to eight nonprofit organizations in Citrus County.

The gifts included awards of \$3,686.55 each to the FFRA (Families and Friends, Reaching for the Abilities) of Homosassa and to the Key Training Foundation Inc. of Inverness. FFRA and the Key Training Center shared the money collected by the Knights during the Council's 2010 Tootsie Roll Drive in February and March.

These monetary awards brought the total charitable donations by this group of Knights to \$19,193.10 for the year, according to Grand

Knight Neil Sheehan. The grand knight is the elected leader of the organization.

"Charity is one of the most important values of the Knights of Columbus," said Sheehan. "We believe that the awards of money will be especially beneficial to Citrus County people in need in these trying economic times." As Grand Knight, Sheehan served as head of the Lecanto Council during the 2009-10 fiscal year during which the money was raised.

Other recipients of money included \$1,000 for the Daystar Life Center, Crystal River; and \$500 each to Pope John Paul II Catholic School, Lecanto; Hospice of Citrus County, Beverly Hills; Life Choice Care Center, Inverness; Inverness Preg-

nancy Center; and the Boys and Girls Club of Citrus County, Lecanto.

The Knights raised the money by running bingo games twice weekly, offering dances weekly, soliciting charitable donations for the mentally handicapped during Tootsie Roll drives, and conducting other fundraisers. The council's charity committee designated the recipients after evaluating the needs of nonprofit organizations from throughout Citrus County.

"These gifts are a real tribute to the generosity of the people of Citrus County," Sheehan said. "While asking for donations from people coming out of Walmart, grocery stores, etc., we noticed that even during these tough eco-

nomie times, people are generous. They gave from their hearts."

Sheehan conceded, though, that strong leadership and hardworking Knights had a lot to do with successful fundraising. Eight teams of more than 90 Knights and their wives took turns, spending at least four hours per month each on Wednesdays and Saturdays to raise money through bingo.

Similarly, the Knights in yellow aprons and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, marshaled by Sheehan and Chancellor Les Magyar, spent long hours outside businesses and stores for six days in February and March asking people to donate money in exchange for token Tootsie Rolls.

**New Jersey and Friends Club plans activities**

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The monthly meeting of the New Jersey and Friends Club will be at 1 p.m. Monday at VFW Post 4252, State Road 200, in Hernando.

The remaining activities for July include a trip to the Show Palace in Hudson to see "Red, White & Blue Tuna" on July 17 and dinner at Cody's in Crystal River on July 28. Contact

Frank Sasse for further details: (352) 489-0053.

If you haven't visited the website, check it out. It lists all the coming activities, meeting info and the happenings of our Club. Go to <http://njclubfl.tripod.com/>.

All those who attend the meeting are asked to continue to bring food items and/or clothing for the Family Resource Center of Citrus County.

If you are looking to have some fun and laughs, join in at 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Beverly Hills Bowl, on County Road 491, Good bowlers are welcome; so-so bowlers will feel right at home.

The New Jersey Club is a very friendly and active social club with "no residency requirement" to join to have a good time. For more information, call 527-3568.

**Book lovers**

At the recent Friends of Citrus County Library System Spring Sale, which raised \$47,432.64 for Citrus County libraries, Lillian Fanning surveys the cooking section with her 9-year-old grandson, Joshua Cieslik. Joshua reportedly loves to cook and makes macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets and pancakes for the family. Along with cookbooks, the sale offered thousands of bargains in all categories, including best-selling fiction, history, Civil War, Christmas selections and children's books. The library Friends are currently accepting books, DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles for the fall sale, which runs Oct. 1 through 5 at the Citrus County Fairgrounds. Drop off gently used donations at the checkout desk of Central Ridge, Coastal or Lakes Regional libraries. Recycle reading and audiovisual materials to help Citrus County libraries.



LYNNE BOELE/Special to the Chronicle

**News NOTES**

**Boating safety program upcoming**

An "About Boating Safely" instruction program will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday and will continue and be completed Saturday, July 17, at the Crystal River Flotilla 15-1 building at 148 N.E. Fifth St., Crystal River.

The cost is \$30 for instruction materials.

This program will improve your knowledge, increase your confidence and also qualify you for the Florida boating license. Graduates could also consider joining our Flotilla and obtain further free training related to public boating safety and on-water security, safety, environmental and rescue activities in the Crystal River area.

For further information, call Linda Jones, FSO-PE, at 503-6199 or e-mail: [ljones1501@gmail.com](mailto:ljones1501@gmail.com).

**Send your kids to JazzerKamp**

Citrus County Parks and Recreation will offer JazzerKamp, a Jazzercise Dance, health and fitness day camp for children ages 10 to 16.

Children will be able to learn the latest dance moves and dance techniques, as well as learn about fitness and ways to keep themselves active. Participants will also learn about aerobics routines and muscle toning.

JazzerKamp will be in session the week of July 19 through July 23 and will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Canning Center in Lecanto. Cost for this week-long camp is \$75. JazzerKamp is a day camp, so parents must provide their camper with a packed lunch, healthy snacks and drinks.

Pre-registration is required by Monday, and is limited to the first 50 children who register. For more information, call 465-7007.

**Rotary Club plans vets workshop**

The Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods, in conjunction with the Citrus County Veterans Service Office, is planning a Veterans Workshop. The workshop will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Southern Woods Golf Club. The workshop will be open to all Citrus County veterans.

Veterans should bring their records of service and W-2, 1099R and tax form for 2009. If they don't have all of these documents, they should bring what they can. If they cannot produce any of the documentation, assistance may still be available.

Citrus County Veterans Service Officers J.J. Kenney and Sam Dinunno will be on hand to provide assistance. They will provide a briefing on the services available and answer questions from the veterans in attendance.

If you are a veteran, even if you are receiving veterans benefits, you need to attend to be updated on changes. Those veterans who are not receiving benefits should attend to determine if they are missing out on benefits.

For more information, call Jesse Mackey at 382-7706 or Dennis Didier at 382-4892.

**Tennis camp ongoing at park**

Summer Tennis Camp is going on now at Whispering Pines Park.

Classes are Monday through Thursday. The remaining summer sessions are: Monday through July 15; July 19 to 22; and July 26 to 29. Camp times and age groups are: K to fifth grade — 8 to 9 a.m.; middle school — 9 to 10 a.m.; and high school — 10 to 11 a.m.

Preregistration is required at the park administration office. Call 425-8160 or 726-3913.

■ 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 563-3280; or e-mail to [community@chronicleonline.com](mailto: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.

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 8, 2010. Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WFTS, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, who died in 1773, said, "Never seem more learned than the people you are with. Wear your learning like a pocket watch and keep it hidden. Do not pull it out to count the hours, but give the time when you are asked."

That is clever. It also includes one word important for the defenders if they wish to defeat four hearts in today's deal. What is the word and what should the defenders do after West leads the spade queen?

South might have opened two no-trump with a hand containing eight winners, but that would have probably resulted in a final contract of three no-trump, which would have had no chance after West leads the spade queen.

Not that four hearts is a cruise.

Bridge

Bridge puzzle details including North and South hands, dealer information (Dealer: South, Vulnerable: Both), and opening lead (Opening lead: ♠ Q).

Declarer has four potential losers: one in spades and those three aces. South, to avoid that spade loser, must discard his spade seven on dummy's third club. So, after taking the first trick with his spade ace, declarer must immediately play a club. What should happen now?

Note that if East wins the first club trick, the contract makes. South wins the spade return and cashes dummy's top clubs, discarding his last spade. Then he plays a trump.

East must duck the first club and take the second. But how does he know South has two clubs, not one? Because West gives count — the key word — by playing his club nine (second-highest from four) on the first round of the suit. He plays high-low to show an even number. This must be from four because South would not be attacking clubs if he had four.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and woman at a travel agency and a grid of scrambled letters to be unscrambled.

- ACROSS: 1 Honey factories, 6 Trivial objection, 11 Bookish one, 12 Time of the mammals, 13 Short snooze, 14 Potential, 15 Filled with rage, 16 Pack animal, 17 Highway, 19 Cheap, 23 Minuscule, 26 Impressed, plus, 28 Aunt or bro., 29 Viennese desserts, 31 Ms. Verdugo, 33 False name, 34 Type of applique (hyph.), 35 GI rank, 36 Hole punchers, 39 Sparkler.

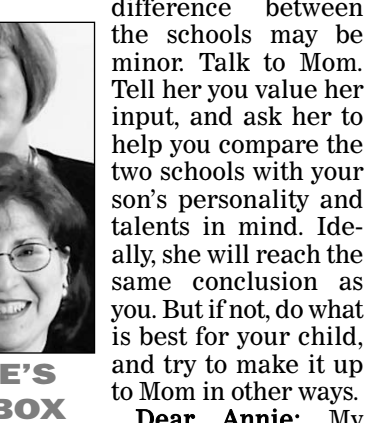
Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword grid with filled-in words like AJAR, NUUDGE, CLEFTS, BARRED, COFFEE, UPSETS, SUFI, WED, AGA, DESIGN, IDEAL, NEURAL, LARVA, AERIE, LIMIT, NAILS, SATEEN, CRATE, DEARER, MEW, RBI, ATON, SALAMI, CANAPE, AUSSIE, EAGLET, SLEPT.

Dear Annie: My parents eloped 35 years ago, and my grandmother never forgave them. She disowned my mother and has never been part of our lives. Four years ago, my oldest brother also cut off contact with the family.

After losing two of the most important people in her life, my mother, who is bipolar, feels as if everyone is going to betray her at some point. My two other brothers and I walk on pins and needles, worried that we will accidentally do something to hurt her. Mom has gone to counseling and is on medication.

Recently, my 5-year-old son was accepted to two excellent schools. Unfortunately, it puts us in a very tough situation. Mom works at one of the schools. She loves the place, but we don't feel it is as good a fit for our son as the other. But we are afraid of hurting Mom by choosing the other school. Even talking about it will make her feel she is a terrible person for putting us in this situation. My question is, is it worth the trouble to send our son to the school of our choice, or should we just send him to Mom's school? She was so excited when he was accepted there that she cried tears of joy. It has given her something to look forward to, and I don't want her to be hurt again. — Lost in Louisville, Ky.

Dear Lost: You shouldn't have to sacrifice your child's education because you don't want to hurt Mom. On the other hand, the difference between the schools may be minor. Talk to Mom. Tell her you value her input, and ask her to help you compare the two schools with your son's personality and talents in mind. Ideally, she will reach the same conclusion as you. But if not, do what is best for your child, and try to make it up to Mom in other ways.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

level executive position that entails attending many public situations that involve eating. Annie, he uses his fingers to push food onto his fork, and then he licks his fingers. He has done this at office banquets and dinners in fine-dining restaurants. I have actually seen him pick up the food with his fingers and then put it on his fork. It makes me think, why even use the fork? It's how he was brought up, because his mother does the same thing. I was always taught to use my knife or a piece of bread to push the food when needed. It embarrasses me when he does this, and I imagine he is embarrassing himself, as well. Is there any way to approach him about this? — Sticky Situation

rarified circles in which he finds himself. Tell him you love him and understand that he was never taught these things, but pushing his food with his fingers is considered poor manners and you don't want others to think ill of him. Explain that it takes time to shed old habits, and offer to work with him at home, gently reminding and correcting him as needed. We hope he is amenable.

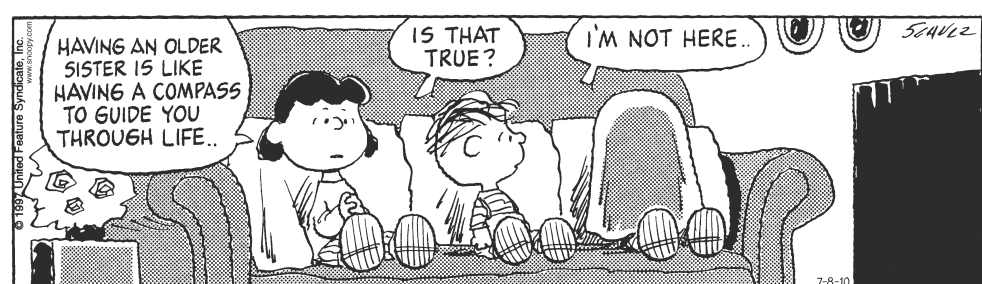
Dear Annie: I completely agree with "No Photo Op" to have a closed casket, but for a different reason. While I, too, think taking open-casket photos is a bit ghastly, I also am creeped out when people say, "Doesn't she look beautiful?" Despite the solace it might give the grieving family members to hear these words, the answer is, "No, she doesn't look great. She looks dead."

This is one reason I want my casket closed. After all, what made me who I am is already gone from that dead body. — No Open Casket

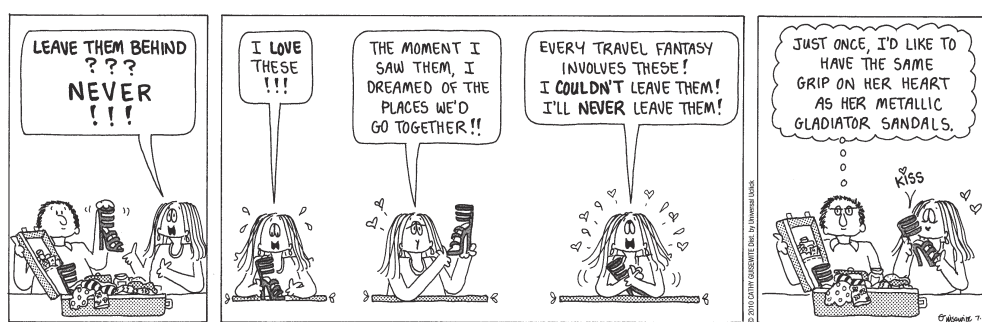
Dear No: This is such a personal decision that everyone should be certain his or her loved ones are aware of their preferences. Feel free to use this column to start the discussion.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar. E-mail your questions to annie@mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

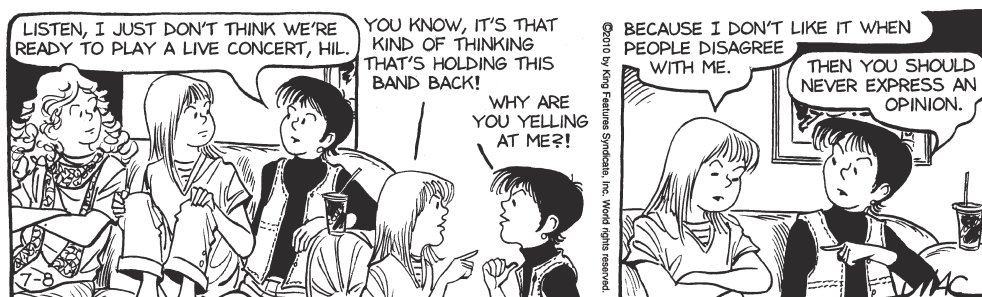
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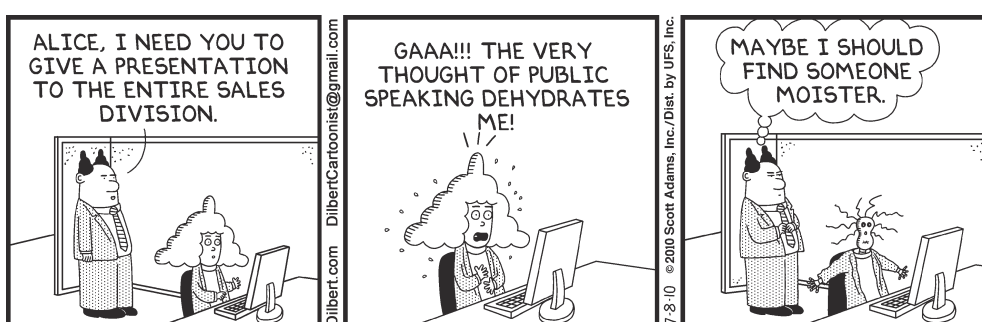
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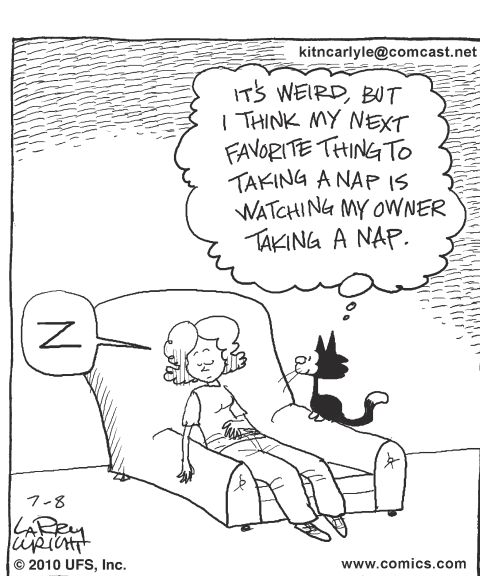
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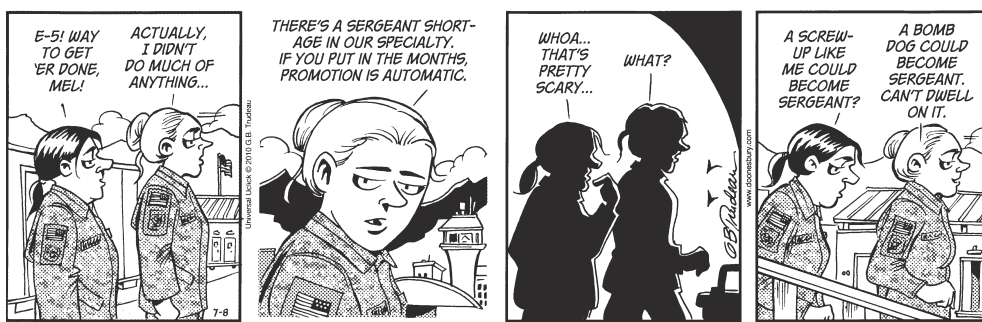
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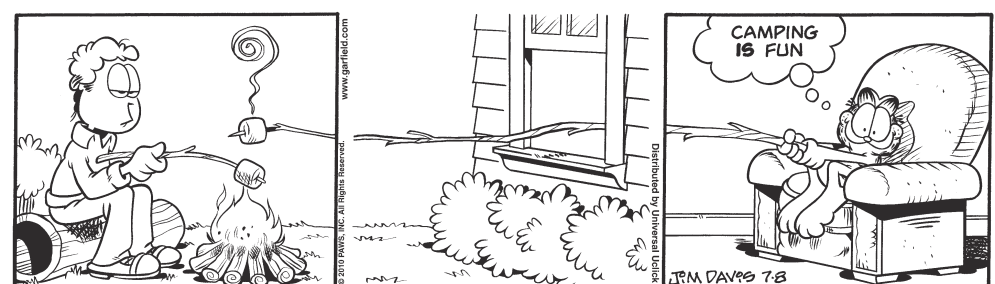
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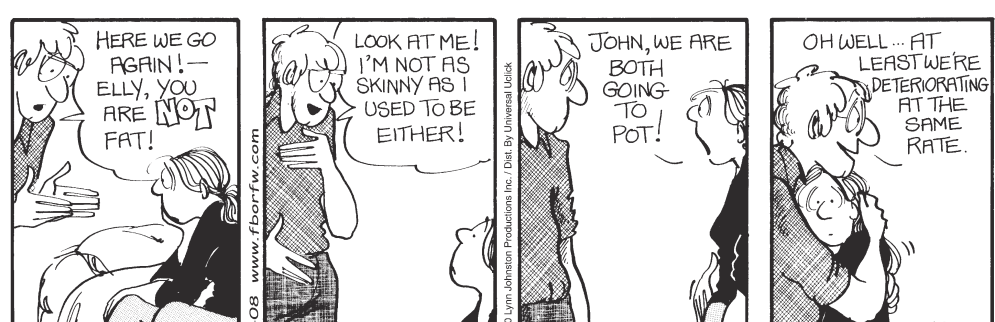
Today's MOVIES

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'The Last Airbender' (PG) 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10:30 p.m. No Passes.
'Grown Ups' (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:35 p.m. No Passes.
'Knight and Day' (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:15 p.m. No Passes.
'Toy Story 3' (G) 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 10:10 p.m.
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Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
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'Toy Story 3' (G) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
'The A-Team' (PG-13) 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
'The Karate Kid' (PG) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:35 p.m.
'Marmaduke' (PG) 2 p.m., 5 p.m.
'Killers' (PG-13) 7:45 p.m., 10:05 p.m.
Visit www.chronicleonline.com for area movie listings and entertainment information.

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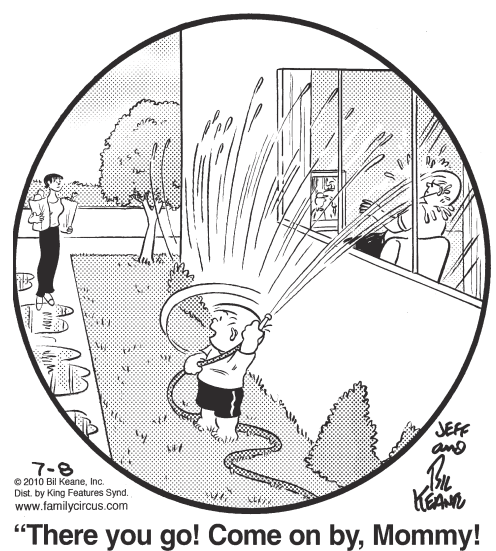
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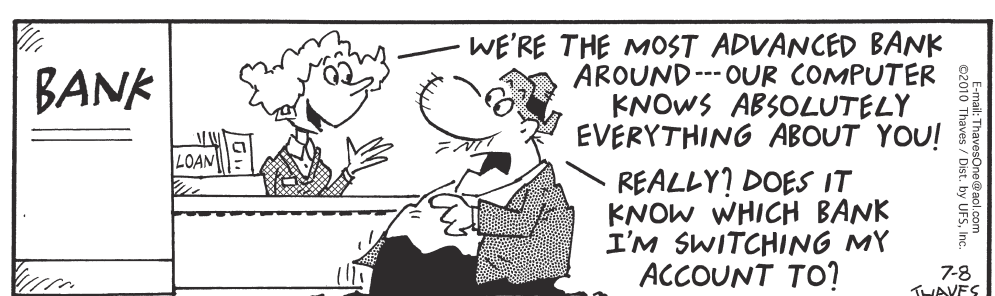
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: S equals J

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DXNL IROP, RMK HZPM LPROZ IXL HZP
AHRLA.' - TPM AHPEM

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: 'I have no interest in Shakespeare ... I just wanted to get famous and all the rest is hogwash.' - Anthony Hopkins
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