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Sheriff weighs budget cuts



Jeff Dawsy sheriff says he's been told to cut \$4.7M.

Dawsy told to reduce levels to 2004-05 mark

SHEMIR WILES Chronicle

With the need for more cuts to his budget, Sheriff Jeff Dawsy said he has found a way to make ends meet, but any additional cuts the next fiscal year could have major repercussions.

In June, during a meeting with the

Chronicle editorial board, Dawsy unveiled a proposed 2010-11 budget of \$26,560,036, which was \$804,828 less than the 2009-10 budget.

With the county continuing to see a decrease in revenues, Dawsy said his original goal was to cut his budget by about \$1.2 million. However, the state retirement contribution rates increased be-

tween 11 percent and 16 percent, which added \$404,000 to the sheriff's office budget.

The proposed budget was handed to the Citrus County Commission in May. However, Dawsy told the Chronicle editorial board Wednesday that Property Appraiser Geoff Greene said tax revenues would actually be less than originally projected. Therefore, Dawsy said County Administrator Brad Thorpe approached him to make more

cuts to his budget.

Dawsy said he was originally asked to roll his budget back to what it was during the 2004-05 fiscal year, which would mean an extra \$4.7 million in cuts to his proposed budget. However, Dawsy said he explained to Thorpe that there was no way he could reach that number after explaining how taking over animal control and the crossing guards since that time has added \$700,000 to his budget.

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NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH

FROZEN IN TIME

The scoop on ice cream

You can lick it from a cone, chomp it from a stick or savor it spoonful by icy cold spoonful.

Ice cream is as American as the apple pie it's often served with.

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United States annually for the ice cream industry.

The most popular flavor: Vanilla.

Want to know more? Here are some yummy facts about America's favorite frozen dessert.

■ It takes about 12 pounds of whole milk to make 1 gallon of ice cream.

■ Supposedly, George Washington liked ice cream so much he ran up a bill of \$200 for ice cream one summer.

■ At one time, waste from Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream company was given to local farmers in Vermont to feed to their hogs. (The hogs apparently don't care for the Mint Oreo.)

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MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Jayden Bryan, 2, makes a cold, chocolatey mess with his ice cream cone Tuesday afternoon at a Crystal River park. Cool treats like ice cream are a perfect fit for hot summer days.

Indigent care at CMHS faces cuts

Hospital staff to make decision

CHRIS VAN ORMER Chronicle

The group that called a meeting for Wednesday to discuss a policy it passed to reduce eligibility for indigent care treatment at Citrus Memorial Health System did not attend, but the meeting took place anyway.

"We told them we would not meet if they defaulted us," said Bill Grant, general counsel for the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees, the group that set the date but stayed away. "And the meeting wasn't properly noticed."



Bill Grant Trustees' general counsel said meeting was not properly noticed.

On July 7, the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation Board of Directors served a notice of default on the trustees because the trustees, who are a taxing authority, have not transferred some tax funds to the foundation to reimburse its expenditures on patients who have been treated under the indigent care policy. Grant said the notice of default should not be served until expenditures could be agreed on between the two boards, now that the trustees have a new policy.

The boards' meetings require legal notices to be advertised in a newspaper. According to Grant, the foundation's notice needed a correction, and the corrected notice did not get published in time.

However, hospital administrators and one foundation director, Sandra Chadwick, met with a few members of the public. Because the meeting was not properly advertised, only one foundation member could attend. The initial plan for the meeting called for two members of each board to attend.

The new indigent care policy was presented and passed by the trustees at their July 6 meeting. Trustees agreed to arrange the special public meeting so members of the public could make recommendations. Lowering eligibility for care not only would lower the hospital tax, but would affect care level for patients as it reduces eligibility for treatment from an income level of up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level to between 100 percent and 150 percent.

The "100 percent to 150 percent" itself raises questions for the hospital.

"I've asked them about this

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Sweet memories Resident recalls time in family shop

GEORGE TRIMMER Special to the Chronicle

When I was 8 in 1939, my dad had an insulated box made, with a strap for carrying, with "Trimmer's Ice Cream, 5 cents" on it. He owned Trimmer's Ice Cream in Washington Court House, Ohio, from 1926 until 1987.

On Saturdays, weather permitting, I would sell ice cream bars from a downtown street corner. Saturday was when the farmers came to town to shop and visit with neighbors. I would sell the ice cream

bars, kept cold with dry ice. When the box was empty, I'd haul the box back to my dad's ice cream parlor to be refilled and go back to the street corner and begin selling again. The ice cream bars were plain vanilla or chocolate-covered.

My record for a Saturday was 961 bars when I was 9 years old.

Some of my chants on the street were:

"Hey, hey, what do you say Ice cream bars for sale today!"

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

George Trimmer, far right, worked the soda fountain during his teen years. For more pictures associated with this story, go online to www.chronicleonline.com.

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Around
THE STATE

Citrus County

Music in the Park slated this weekend

Come Saturday, there will be some Phantastic Sounds in the air in Crystal River during this month's Music in the Park event. Phantastic Sounds II is a musical variety show featuring the students of Jackie Stevio.

The concert will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the gazebo behind Crystal River City Hall, which is located at 123 Northwest U.S. 19. Admission is free and refreshments will be available for purchase. Music in the Park takes place on the third Saturday of every month and features different performers each month. Call 601-3506.

Fire damages Hernando home

A fire that broke out Tuesday night caused an estimated \$15,000 in damage to a doublewide mobile home in Hernando.

Firefighters were dispatched at 8:19 p.m. to 1184 E. Sandy Lane and arrived at 8:30 p.m., according to a Citrus County Fire Rescue report. Upon arrival, they saw smoke from the front of the mobile home and then went inside and located the fire near the front door and extinguished it. Fire damage was limited to the area of origin but smoke damage occurred throughout the home.

Two cats perished in the blaze. The cause of the fire has not been determined and the state Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

'Stuff the Bus' with school supplies

Four "Stuff the Bus" events have been scheduled to allow members of the public to buy and donate school supplies for needy Citrus County students.

They will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Crystal River Mall, the Walmarts in Homosassa and Inverness, and Publix at the Shoppes of Citrus Hills. Examples of school supplies include: crayons, blunt scissors, three-ring binders, glue sticks, pencils, erasers, pens, tissues, spiral notebooks, loose-leaf notebook paper and backpacks. Specific supply lists will be posted at "Stuff the Bus" locations.

Tallahassee

McCollum wins finance case

Republican Rick Scott lost his bid Wednesday to have part of Florida's public campaign finance law overturned, but even the judge siding with opponent Bill McCollum conceded the 23-year-old measure may not survive this election season.

U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle denied the multi-millionaire Scott's request for an injunction that would have lifted the \$24.9 million spending cap in this year's governor's race.

—From staff and wire reports

Clarification

Allan Burns, who owns the Floral City rental house that caught fire Saturday, has said that only one window in the house was screwed shut, not half of the windows as reported in a quote in a story on Page A3 of Wednesday's edition, "Boy, 12, saves family." Burns said that although the large picture window in the living room was sealed, the room also had two doors and two windows that were fully functional. Burns said he keeps a supply of 9-volt batteries for smoke alarms, and the batteries were functioning when the property was rented. He said each of the two bedrooms has two exits. He said the house will be remodeled and rewired and available for rent again in about 90 days.

Key Center gala aims high

Dinner, auction slated Friday will help raise needed funds for clients

Special to the Chronicle

At the Key Training Center, "reaching for the stars" is a daily occurrence. Consumers — adults with developmental disabilities — set goals and focus on abilities beyond what they've achieved in the past.

The public can "reach for the stars" at the annual dinner auction, which features that theme, on Friday at the Key Center's Chet Cole Life Enrichment Center in Lecanto. Tickets are \$50 and that covers dinner provided by Outback Steakhouse, en-

tertainment by Robin Williams impersonator David Born, participation in silent and live auctions, as well as supporting Key Center consumers who receive no state funding.

Silent auction items include fine jewelry, original artwork, gift baskets, vacation getaway packages, a cypress table and much more.

One of the exceptional donated items in the live auction is a framed print titled "Gira Sol," by Ecuadorian artist Bolivar Mena-Franco. Mena-Franco, who died in 1995, is noted for the innovative delicacy

and elegance of his art, contrasting with the symbolic disfigurements many influential Mexican and Central American artists used to convey the hardship and exploitation of peasant life. This very limited edition artist's proof has been donated by Pedro Mena, the artist's son.

Seats are limited. To make a last-minute reservation call the Key Center Foundation at (352) 795-5541, Ext. 311 or 313.

The Key Training Center's "Reach for the Stars" dinner auction Friday features many one-of-a-kind items. Pictured is a framed print, titled "Gira Sol," by Ecuadorian artist Bolivar Mena-Franco, which is part of the live auction.

Special to the Chronicle



Two charged in drug bust

SHEMIR WILES
Chronicle

Deputies arrested a Crystal River couple Friday on drug charges stemming from a controlled substance purchase operation.

According to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office arrest report, a confidential informant purchased marijuana from Nathan Wayne Dick, 25, of 7795 W. Florasun Lane. Authorities collected evidence of the transaction, which was reportedly for more than 20 grams of marijuana.

On Friday, deputies with a warrant conducted a search at Nathan Dick's house. He was reportedly seen leaving his home in a vehicle so a deputy conducted a traffic stop, secured the suspect in handcuffs and transported him back to the residence where the search warrant was executed.

According to the report, a detective read the search warrant to Nathan Dick, who was seated in the kitchen and his wife, Amanda Leigh Dick, 29. Both reportedly stated they understood their rights and agreed to speak with the detective.

"A search of the residence yielded several items ... These items consisted of cannabis having been located in two areas of the residence," the report stated.

Nathan Dick reportedly admitted that about 1 pound of marijuana would be located in a storage room at the house. According to the report, a further search led to the discovery of a second bag containing about three-quarters of a pound of marijuana in a dresser in the master bedroom.

While Nathan Dick said he didn't remember the second bag being in the house, Amanda Dick acknowledged that there was a large amount of marijuana in the bedroom, the report stated.

Also reportedly located in the dresser were several different prescription pills inside small plastic bags along with several drug paraphernalia items, including scales and small, empty plastic bags.

According to the report, deputies also found a hydrocodone pill in a pair of men's jeans and an oxycodone pill in Amanda Dick's purse. Amanda Dick reportedly said the pill was hers and she was going to "snort" it.

Each was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of selling/manufacturing/delivering or possessing a controlled substance with the intent to sell/manufacture/deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia. Nathan Dick's bond was set at \$20,500 and Amanda Dick's bond was set at \$35,500.

Sprucing up



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

Citrus County Commissioner Winn Webb, also a Salvation Army board of directors member, uses a string trimmer Wednesday morning to clear some of the tall weeds and grass at the new Salvation Army office complex in Lecanto. Several board members, as well as other volunteers, gathered in the morning to cut grass, weed and prune small trees and bushes in front of the large building. The Salvation Army recently finalized purchasing the building after a year of working on the acquisition.



LEFT: Barbara Wheeler, also a board member with the Salvation Army, weeds the garden Tuesday in front of the new facility. Wheeler said the local Salvation Army has seen the need to relocate toward the center of the county to improve visibility and to better serve the public. She said along with the local Salvation Army church moving to the Lecanto location, the probation, social services and administration offices will also share the same roof. The new offices are located at 712 W. Gulf-to-Lake Highway at the intersection of State Road 44 and South School Avenue, about two miles east of the S.R. 44 and County Road 491 intersection.

School board passes on lawsuit

State penalties challenged

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Chronicle

The Citrus County School Board decided Tuesday not to join other county school boards in litigation to challenge the penalties of mandated class sizes.

The board must project how to cover the state class-size requirement based on how voters will vote in November. Amendment 8 would maintain the class size requirement at the schoolwide average and would make sure no class would have too many students.

According to the legislation, "If you don't meet a size reduction, they could take money away from you," said Wes Bradshaw, attorney to the school board.

Bradshaw said other school boards around the state were joining forces to challenge the financial penalties. To take part in the action would cost \$1,500, he said, and the board would have to sign a retainer agreement with the law firm representing the case.

Board Chairwoman Pat Deutschman said the action did not pertain to this county.

"We stand to receive a portion of those penalties," Deutschman said.

Kenny Blocker, executive director of business services for the school district, said the way the rules would work, the county could be required to hire another teacher when one child moved into the county.

"We may opt to pay a fine if a child moves into the school district mid-year," Deutschman said.

Board member Bill Murray said he did not favor joining the lawsuit, as did member Virginia Bryant. But board member Linda Powers said she would join, and Deutschman said, "I would approve this."

However, as board member Lou Miele was absent, the vote was a draw.

"The nays win," Deutschman said.

Next election to have 'universal primary'

Process designed to give voters say in uncontested elections

Special to the Chronicle

A universal primary is a contest in a primary election in which all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election. All qualified electors may vote in such a race, regardless of party affiliation, according to Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill.

The law concerning a universal primary was passed in the 1998 general election. It was part of a constitutional amendment brought forth from the Constitutional Revision Commission, which meets every 20 years. The commission conducted meetings statewide and submitted constitutional amendments for the voters' consideration.

Voters passed the amendment with 66.87 percent voting yes. The amendment allows voters to have a say in electing an official who otherwise would have been elected by members of only one party.

The first universal primary in Citrus County was on the Sept. 5, 2000,

ballot when two Republicans — Henry Ferro and Brad King — ran for state attorney. Brad King won the race.

On the Aug. 24, 2010, ballot voters will again have a universal primary race.

Two Republicans are the only candidates on the ballot for state representative, District 43. They are Ron Schultz and Jimmie T. Smith. The race will be decided in the primary, and therefore will appear on the Democratic and Non-Partisan ballots, as well as the Republican ballot, giving all voters an opportunity to choose their representative in the Florida House.

Carolyn Angelotti, 83
INVERNESS

Carolyn Angelotti, age 83, Inverness, died Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at her residence. A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Inverness with Fr. Eugene Reumann officiating. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn was born on September 26, 1926, in Harrodsburg, KY, to the late William and Mary Love Crossfield and came to this area 27 years ago from Potomac, MD. She served as a loving and caring volunteer to Hospice of Citrus County for 20 years. She was an avid bird watcher. She enjoyed reading. Carolyn was active in pastoral care at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and enjoyed her church fellowship.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Robert Angelotti, Inverness; two sons, Phillip Angelotti, St. Leonard, MD, and Robert and wife Barbara Angelotti, Manassas, VA; her daughter, Christine and husband Timothy Moore, St. Leonard, MD; her sister, Margaret Jones, London, KY; and seven grandchildren.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Bernadette Weaver, 89
INVERNESS

Bernadette M. Weaver, 89, of Inverness died Monday, July 12, 2010, at Citrus Memorial hospital. Bernadette was born on February 21, 1921, in Marion Township, OH, the daughter of Frederick and Mary Niekamp. She worked as a bookkeeper for the City of Dayton, OH, before moving to Spring Hill, FL. She moved to Inverness in 1989. Bernadette was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Inverness VFW and volunteered at Citrus Memorial hospital for 13 years. She was a Catholic and member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Bernadette was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond. Survivors include her daughter, Sandra Schaaf (Jerry) of Inverness, FL; granddaughter, Jennifer Allen of Trotwood, OH; grandson, Jeffrey Schaaf of Dayton, OH; three great-grandchildren; niece, Sue Marshall of New Paris, OH; and nephew, Fred Scherbauer of Spring Valley, OH.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Weaver will be held on Friday, July 16, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, 2507 Highway 44 West in Inverness. Father Charles Leke will preside. Services and inurnment in Ohio will be held at a later date. Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL.

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Deaths ELSEWHERE

Glenn Falkenstein, 78
MAGICIAN

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Glenn Falkenstein, an acclaimed magician whose "spirit cabinet" illusion

with wife Frances Willard wowed television audiences and crowds around the world, has died, his wife said. He was 78.

His wife said Falkenstein died in a San Antonio nursing home July 4 after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease.

A longtime Los Angeles resident, Falkenstein rose to fame in the 1970s by impressing audiences with mind-reading tricks on his radio show. He also took his magic act to television, including one of Regis Philbin's early talk shows, and appeared in shows in Las Vegas, opening for such headliners as Ann-Margaret.

Falkenstein always disclaimed any psychic powers, and was careful to call himself a mentalist, not a mind-reader, but many fans were convinced he could indeed read their thoughts.

He performed regularly at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif., a private club for the Academy of Magical Arts Inc., and was Stage Magician of the Year in 1971.

In 1984, he married Willard, daughter of famed magician Harry Willard, and the duo performed their signature "spirit cabinet" trick worldwide. The illusion had Willard bound to a chair within a curtained enclosure while items placed inside began flying about.

When not performing, Falkenstein taught speech pathology at Los Angeles schools.

Besides his wife, Falkenstein is survived by a daughter, Cathleen Yeisley, of El Paso; a sister, Dale Myerson, of Phoenix; and several grandchildren. A son, Michael, and another daughter, Claudia, died earlier.

A memorial service was held July 11 at the Magic Castle.

Marrack Goulding, 73
U.N. PEACEKEEPER

LONDON — Marrack Goulding, a British diplomat who served as the first head of U.N. peacekeeping operations, has died at age 73.

Goulding died Friday, according to a death notice published by his family in The Times and The Daily Telegraph newspapers. The cause of death was not announced.

Goulding was appointed undersecretary-general for special political affairs, in charge of peacekeeping operations, in 1986. He was closely involved in setting up the U.N. Department for Peacekeeping Operations in 1992.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Goulding "led an area of exponential growth at an exceptionally challenging time of change for the organization and for the world as a whole," U.N. associate spokesman Farhan Haq said.

"His sure-footed diplomatic judgment and firm leadership were indispensable assets as he distinguished himself on delicate

assignments ranging from Namibia's post-independence settlement to the Iran-Iraq conflict, while also involved in the U.N.'s work in Cambodia, Central America, Lebanon and former Yugoslavia," Haq said in New York.

From 1993 to 1996, Goulding was undersecretary-general for political affairs, then returned to Britain to serve for a decade as warden of St. Antony's College, Oxford.

Goulding also served as Britain's ambassador to Angola from 1983 to 1985.

Goulding published his memoirs in 2002, titled "Peacemonger."

A private funeral service is scheduled for July 20 in Silton in southwestern England.

Olga Guillot, 86
LEGENDARY CUBAN SINGER

MIAMI BEACH — Olga Guillot, the legendary Cuban singer who became the first Latin artist to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York, died on Monday. She was 86.

The Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's office said Guillot died at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. A family spokeswoman said she had suffered a heart attack.

Guillot was born in Santiago, Cuba, and was first recognized for her singing talent at age 13, when she placed second in a singing contest with her sister. At 20, she performed with Edith Piaf.

She left Cuba in 1962, two years after the start of the communist revolution, and settled in Mexico.

Over the years, Guillot recorded 14 records that went gold and 10 platinum.

She also participated in more than 20 movies, almost always acting as herself.

"Today the music world has lost one of its legends," Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said in a statement. "Her unique voice popularized the Cuban bolero around the world."

Vicky Roig, a fellow bolero singer and close friend, said she had spoken with Guillot about a week ago. Guillot was preparing to travel to Mexico to perform with the National Symphony Orchestra.

"For many bolero singers,

she was the image of who we wanted to be. We all wanted to imitate her. She was our reference as an artist," Roig said. "She was a simple woman, warm to everyone she met."

Guillot was known for hits such as "La gloria eres tu," "Mienteme" and "Tu me acostubraste."

Roig recalled how in March the Cuban singer had participated in a march led by Gloria Estefan through the streets of Miami in support of the Ladies in White, a group of wives and family members of political prisoners in Cuban jails. As Guillot walked through the street, fans called out her name.

"She was happy to see how they responded to her," Roig said.

—From wire reports

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

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

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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Table with columns: Name, Vol(00), Last, Chg. Includes entries like MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE) with names like Citigrp, S&P500ETF, BkOfAm.

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Table with columns: Name, Last, Chg, %Chg. Includes entries like ChnaDed, AllSciCh, SWE R2K11.

LOSERS (\$2 OR MORE)

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Lackluster Fed report dampens stocks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A weaker economic forecast from the Federal Reserve chilled the stock market's winning streak. Stocks closed mixed Wednesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising almost 4 points for its seventh straight advance.

The Fed's economic forecast was only slightly more upbeat than the outlook issued in April. And investors have been well aware that the country faces a bumpy recovery.

Investors initially sold on the Fed's statement. A strong start to second-quarter earnings reports, including upbeat forecasts from Intel Corp. and Alcoa Inc., helped temper their dis-

Market watch

Table showing market indices: Dow Jones Industrials (+3.70), Nasdaq composite (+7.81), Standard & Poor's 500 (-0.17), Russell 2000 (-2.66).

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Business HIGHLIGHTS

Retail sales drop 0.5 percent in June

WASHINGTON — Retail sales fell in June for the second straight month, more evidence that the recovery will slow in the second half of the year.

FDIC sues 4 former IndyMac execs

WASHINGTON — Bank regulators have accused four former executives of failed IndyMac Bank of negligence in making loans to homebuilders.

SEC reviewing proxy process

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are reviewing the process by which company shareholders exercise their votes.

Gov't: Toyota report not done yet

WASHINGTON — The government said Wednesday it had not reached any conclusions about whether Toyota drivers may be blame for their vehicles suddenly accelerating.

New York Stock Exchange

Table of stock market performance with columns for Name, Last, and Chg. Includes sections for Vanguard, Fidelity, etc.

cent this year. That's down from the 3.2 percent to 3.7 percent forecast in April.

The central bank also said the unemployment rate, now at 9.5 percent, will at best fall to 9.2 percent.

The Dow rose 3.70, or 0.04 percent, to 10,366.72. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.17, or 0.02 percent.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.05 percent from 3.13 percent late Tuesday.

Investors were following their pattern of turning to government debt as a safe place to put their cash when the economy looks troubled.

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California-based IndyMac when it collapsed two years ago

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BUYER'S MARKET

Foreclosure sales still up

Citrus County Property Appraiser Geoff Greene has reported that for the third consecutive year, taxable values are down and foreclosures are up.

The upside, at least to Greene's office, is that the county was audited by the state's Department of Revenue and passed, though commercial sales activity was so low that the DOR ordered 41 independent appraisals to judge county assessments, and residential sales are down from the normal of 6,000 homes to 2,157 in 2009.

Foreclosure sales are up from 293 in 2007 to 787 in 2009, and Greene reported recently that there have already been 567 foreclosure sales this year. If this trend continues, foreclosure sales will be up almost 45 percent above last year.

And while it would be comforting to think that the worst of the real estate slump is over, particularly because percep-

tion often dictates reality, Greene reported that banks are retaining about 95 percent of foreclosure sale homes, waiting for the real estate market to improve before putting them on the market.

This means that only a fraction of foreclosure sale homes are currently for sale; Greene estimates 2,400 homes in this "shadow inventory." The local real estate market won't really recover until this inventory is significantly reduced — and a huge supply of existing homes for sale certainly can't help new home construction sales.

Despite the sobering facts, for those who need a home and can actually afford one, there are plenty of deals to be had, whether they're interested in existing homes or new construction.

It's a buyers' market, and we hope they take advantage of it — because that's what economic recovery is all about.

THE ISSUE:

Property values slip again.

OUR OPINION:

Great time for bargain hunters.

Convenience costs

This is in reference to the person who called in about public transportation. Stop complaining. It only costs you \$3 round trip. So what you have to do is give a week's notice. If you have a problem with that, call your local taxicab for that day and pay \$10 to \$20 and make your appointments ahead of time. Plain and simple.



Solutions. Four of these machines are now being deployed, but the other 28 need to be built. There are solutions. Also from Day 1, Jean Cousteau has supported building a unit that injects bubbles through the onsite pipe to drive oil to the surface. The oil could then be captured in a boom and collected onsite. If our government had acted early on cleanup solutions rather than lawsuits, this machine would be in use now.

Handicapped spaces

I'm calling about the American Legion over on (State Road) 44. I can't understand why they can't have more handicapped spots over there. There are a lot of people, older people, who are handicapped. They've got the whole side of the building and they don't have handicapped parking spots over on that side hardly at all.

Hot Corner: ARGENZIANO

'God bless Nancy'

After what happened to Nancy Argenziano, I'm becoming ashamed to be an American. The USA is telling Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan how to form their governments. Are they also teaching them how to be corrupt? The politicians in this country should be ashamed of themselves for the screwing of the people of this country for years. Why can't honest people serve in politics in this country? God bless Nancy.

Nancy for Senate

I have a great idea: Nancy Argenziano for state Senate right here in Citrus County.

Stay in government

I'm calling in response to Nancy Argenziano, and I know it's too late because I'm pretty sure the polls are closed for new people running for office, but she definitely needs to put her name in

the pot for any office that comes open that she qualifies to run for or will qualify if she puts in for the qualification, because she needs to be on something in the state of Florida to try to make things better for us, as she speaks her mind, where many people don't. Like you said, the money will talk.

Whom to contact?

I read with great interest all week the articles where Nancy Argenziano has not been reappointed to the PSC. She has been a real champion for the interests of the public. How about publishing a list of names, addresses and phone numbers which we the public should contact to protest this decision? Most of us do not know who to contact and where.

Editor's note: Members of the Florida Public Service Commission are appointed by the state Legislature. Information is available via the official website www.leg.state.fl.us.

Their own worst problems

In the Republican race for governor of Florida, Attorney General Bill McCollum finds himself trailing a candidate who has more baggage than J-Lo on a camel safari.

The polls show McCollum chasing Rick Scott, whose singular claim to fame was building Columbia/HCA into a health care conglomerate that perpetrated the largest Medicare fraud in the history of Medicare.

Only in the rancid political swamp of Florida would a guy like Scott have the gall to run for office, bankrolling his run for the governorship with the fortune he accumulated while his empire soaked U.S. taxpayers for hundreds of millions of dollars.

His campaign mantra, slightly paraphrased: "Hey, lighten up! I never got indicted!"

Naturally, a centerpiece of Scott's campaign is railing against health care reform. That's because he got filthy rich off the current system — bloated, inefficient and highly lucrative to those who know how to manipulate it.

Suspecting fraud, and fielding scores of whistle-blower complaints, the feds began raiding Columbia/HCA hospitals in 1997. Under pressure, Scott resigned as CEO, walking away with \$5.1 million in cash, a \$950,000 annual consultancy contract and \$300 million in stock and options.

Somewhere around 2003, Scott moved from Connecticut to Florida, coincidentally the national epicenter of Medicare fraud. A quick study, he says he's now ready to run our state after seven whole years as a resident.

As for Columbia/HCA, the company ended up paying \$1.7 billion in criminal and civil fines for

such slimy tactics as bribing doctors for patient referrals, inflating the costs being reported to Medicare and basically fictionalizing patient bills.

Scott's official explanation is vintage Nixon: He didn't know that all that rotten stuff was taking place while he was in charge, but he'll accept responsibility.

The man couldn't keep his own company honest, yet he promises to clean up Tallahassee. It's hilarious.

If that weren't enough, Scott remains the only gubernatorial candidate who still wants to expand oil drilling off Florida's coasts, even after the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

Normally, Scott would be a dream opponent for any credible candidate of any party. To run for governor against a person with his past is something veteran politicians pray for; a gift from the heavens.

Which brings us to Bill McCollum.

Once the GOP's frontrunner, the attorney general has fallen behind not just because Scott has spent \$16 million of his own money on slick advertising.

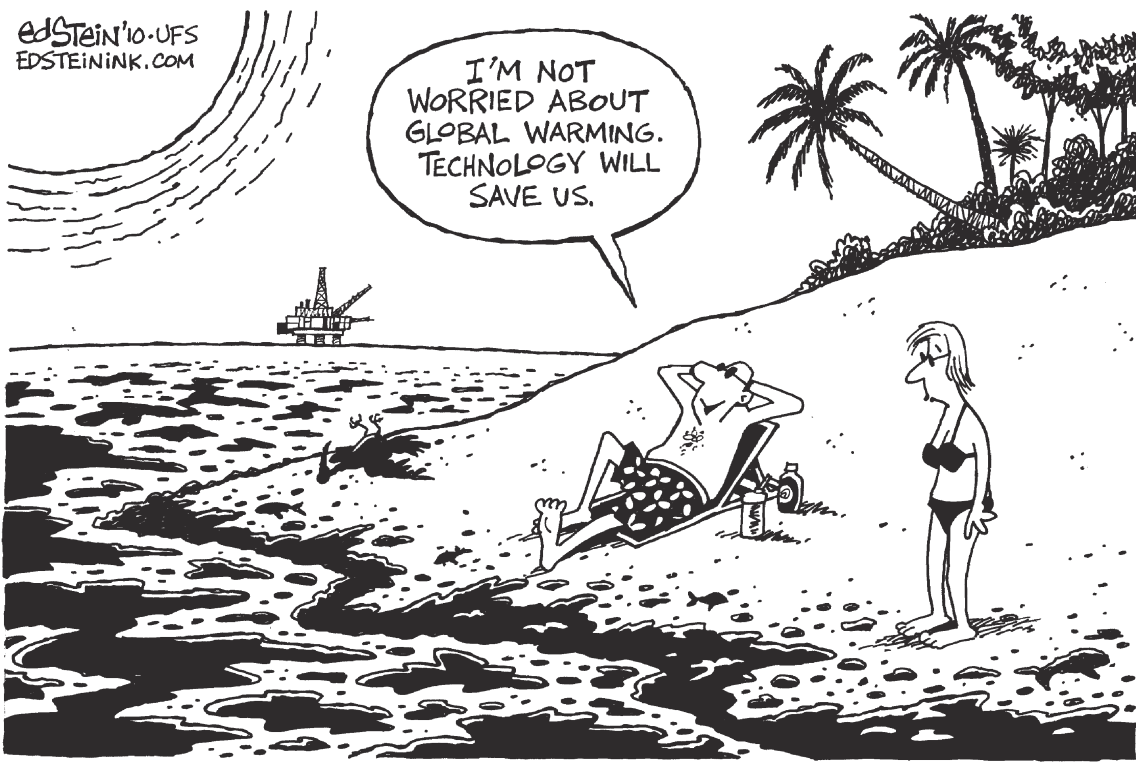
McCollum's biggest problem is McCollum. He is epically dull, and he just can't help it. Watching him speak has pretty much the same effect as 20 milligrams of Ambien.

Voters in Central Florida loyally sent him to Congress for two decades; however, in statewide races he has — until his successful bid for attorney general — struggled to inspire.

In 2000 and again in 2004, McCollum campaigned hard for the U.S. Senate and fell short. In 2008, he served as state chairman of Rudy Giuliani's presidential cam-



Carl Hiaasen
OTHER VOICES



LETTERS to the Editor

Our very own bailout

I read with interest the article on the latest chapter of the Three Sisters saga. It is about as easy to understand as the bailout of Fannie and Freddie at the federal level, and makes just about as much sense.

My take is as follows:

- A group of investors paid top dollar at the height of the market for a property they hoped and bet would allow them to make a substantial profit on that investment.

- Bad timing, the market tanked.

- They become "green," to have local and state agencies and "green folks" pay for the mistake.

- Voila! Plus, bottled water rights at taxpayer expense.

I think I saw the word "manatees" once in the entire article, although the stated purpose of these mental and economic gymnastics is to protect the manatees.

Here are the organizations that are going to pay for the investor's bad timing: SWIFTMUD, U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS), Florida Communities Trust, State Department of Community Affairs, City of Crystal River.

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Also:
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 And:
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Loud I was, and how energized I was. People would come up to me and ask, "How old are you?" "Eight years old," I'd reply. They just shook their heads.

When I went to first grade (we didn't have kindergarten), on the first day of school the teacher asked each student to stand and recite his name and what his father did for a living.

There was a stir in the room when I announced that my dad owned Trimmer's Ice Cream. At recess, a classmate came up to me and asked, "Do you get ice cream cones free?" "Yes," I said.

"Do you get one whenever you want it?"

"Most of the time," I replied. "Not before dinner."

"Wow, you are the luckiest guy in this school. Do you get milkshakes, too?"

"Yes," I said. It was that way most of my school days.

The ice cream parlor had round marble-topped tables with heart-shaped chairs in the main room.

We had a good business selling cans full of ice cream, kept frozen with dry ice, to small rural churches. We would deliver packers full of ice cream for the church socials, along with the dipper, paper dishes and wooden spoons. When we came back the next day to get the ice cream dippers and empty cans, there would be two crates of live chickens.

We would take them to a company that dressed chickens, and then we would put the chicken in the ice cream hardening cabinet. By mid-summer we would have an overflow of farm products.

My father loved to barter. Farmers would bring in eggs, corn, tomatoes, beets, sometimes peaches. We would prep the produce and keep it frozen in one of our hardening cabinets. Dad would establish a price and we would put it on a card we kept for each farmer for credit for ice cream products.

Most customers who came in the parlor to buy packaged products would almost ask, "What flavors do you have today?"

We'd say, "Vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, tutti-frutti, maple walnut, butterscotch, pineapple and orange ice (sherbet)." Sixty percent of our customers would order vanilla. When in season, fresh strawberry and peach would always be favorites and wouldn't last long.

I did other things at the ice cream parlor when I was 8 years old. There were always dishes, cans, molds and other tools that needed washing. I stood on a wooden full-sided pop case so I could reach into the deep sink.

I started working in the parlor waiting on customers in 1941 when I was 10, just tall enough to reach the ice cream to make cones or a milkshake. We also served sundaes, sodas, floats and banana splits, which were a favorite.

My dad taught us to say, "Yes ma'am," "No ma'am, or sir," "Thank you, we appreciate your business," "May I take this out to your car?" and, "We hope you will enjoy your ice cream." The really big thing when working in the main room of the parlor was calling our customers by name, such as "Thank you, Mrs. Boylan."

We had several customers who would bring in their dogs for a dish of ice cream. Most bought vanilla for their dogs. Most brought their own dog dishes.

When the local high school football and basketball teams won a game, each player on the team would receive a free Trimmer's Ice Cream milkshake. We made our shakes thick by using semi-frozen milk. Once in a while a customer would bring in a fresh egg to be put in their milkshake.

We also had malt to be added to the shake. The customer would order a malted milk with a variety of flavors; mostly it was chocolate, with vanilla and strawberry a second and third.

We had a motorized scooter with a large insulated box and our salesman would drive it all over town. You could hear the bells jingle blocks away.

We offered numerous specialty ice cream products: ice cream molds shaped like Father Christmas or rabbits and chicks for Easter. A real treat was a cupid for wedding showers. There were others but

Our ice cream parlor was the only ice cream retailer that made specialty ice cream.

George Trimmer about his parent's ice cream parlor.



these were the most popular.

Our ice cream parlor was the only ice cream retailer that made specialty ice cream. Blocks of ice cream with green Christmas trees in the center when cut into bars would have the tree in the center. We did the same type of mold for Thanksgiving with a brown turkey.

Red hearts were for Valentine's Day. Every holiday had an ice cream specialty. The very biggest was Christmas.

Freezer compartments in the home refrigerator were getting more ubiquitous. Frigidaire was out to see that each household would have its own freezer.

We would start weeks

ahead of Christmas Day making up specials and would hold them in the hardening cabinet for the big day to come. The most popular and most expensive was the individual Father Christmas, that was hand painted with colored cream. It would be mid-night on Christmas Eve and you would find my dad, mother, my brother Jack and myself, painting Father Christmas. Very labor intensive. We had dozens of molds that we would fill with soft vanilla ice cream, then freeze in the hardening cabinet for a day. We would dunk a mold in hot water and then tap it free

from the mold onto small slabs of dry ice while we painted the Father Christmas with red cream.

On Christmas Day, we would open the store around 10 a.m. and customers would pick up their order until we closed at 2 p.m. Several customers would order up to three-dozen Father Christmases, so each member of the family would get one for dessert.

George Trimmer is a resident of Sugarmill Woods and still has a collection of ice cream memorabilia and many fond memories from his father's ice cream parlor.

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The British government is refusing to allow an American Indian lacrosse team to travel to England using passports issued by the Iroquois Confederacy, shown in the above photo held by Percy Abrams, Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team board of directors executive director. The decision Wednesday means the team will miss a world championship lacrosse competition in Manchester. Britain's decision was announced hours after the U.S. cleared the team for travel on a one-time waiver at the behest of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Obama/Hitler billboard removed

DES MOINES, Iowa — A billboard created by an Iowa tea party group comparing President Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler and Vladimir Lenin has been removed.

Kent Beatty, the general manager of the company that owns the billboard, says a North Iowa Tea Party representative called Tuesday night and asked that the sign in downtown Mason City be removed.

Beatty says his company replaced the sign Wednesday morning with a public service announcement.

Some tea party members criticized the sign, and North Iowa Tea Party co-founder Bob Johnson acknowledged the pictures overwhelmed the intended message of anti-socialism.

World BRIEFS

Iranian scientist claims kidnapping

TEHRAN, Iran — An Iranian nuclear scientist who disappeared a year ago headed back to Tehran on Wednesday, telling Iranian state media that he was abducted by CIA agents who tried to bribe him into speaking out against his homeland. The U.S. says he was a willing defector who changed his mind.

Shahram Amiri's reappearance broke into the open an often-bizarre intelligence drama. U.S. officials have dismissed accounts of a kidnapping and suggested Amiri returned home because he missed or feared for his family. But much in the case remains mysterious, including what information, if any, he provided about Iran's controversial nuclear program.

Also unknown is whether the 32-year-old scientist could face any punishment in his homeland.

U.S. hands over last Iraq prison

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military has handed over Tariq Aziz and dozens of other members of Saddam Hussein's inner circle to Iraqi authorities, who will assume control today of the last American-run detention facility in the country.

Although the Americans will continue to hold 200 problematic detainees, the changing of the guard at Camp Cropper will mean the end of a mammoth U.S. prison system that has processed more than 100,000 Iraqis in the seven years since the fall of Baghdad.

It will also close a chapter on one of the most bitter legacies of the war, the shocking images in 2004 of prisoners being abused by American soldiers at Abu Ghraib.

—From wire reports

Oil leak capping resumes

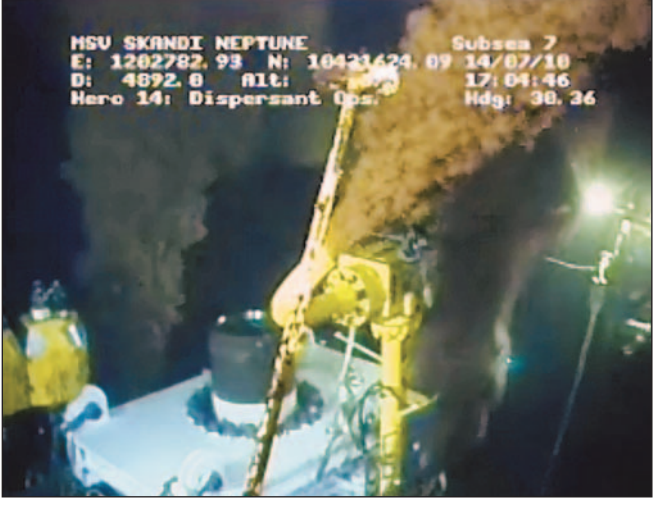
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP allayed last-minute government fears of making the disaster worse and began testing the new, tighter-fitting cap Wednesday that could finally choke off the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the disaster, said the government gave the go-ahead after carefully reviewing the risks.

"What we didn't want to do is compound that problem by making an irreversible mistake," he said at the end of a 24-hour roller-coaster of hopes raised, hopes dashed and hopes raised again along the Gulf Coast.

The cap — a 75-ton metal stack of pipes and valves — was lowered onto the well on Monday in hopes of either bottling up the oil inside the well machinery, or capturing it and funneling it to the sur-



In this image taken from video provided by BP Wednesday evening, oil has stopped flowing from the center valve as testing of the new 75-ton cap atop the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill begins. After a day-long delay, the federal government gave BP the green light Wednesday to try choking off the oil gusher with the untested metal cap.

face. But before BP could test the equipment, the government intervened because of second thoughts about whether the buildup of pres-

sure from the gushing oil could rupture the walls of the well and make the leak worse. "We sat long and hard

about delaying the tests," Allen said. He said that the pause was necessary in the interest of the public, the environment and safety, and that officials were convinced the test could go forward.

The test began with BP shutting off pipes that were funneling some of the oil to ships on the surface so the full force of the gusher went up into the cap. Then deep-sea robots began slowly closing, one at a time, three openings in the cap that let oil pass through. Ultimately, the flow of crude will be blocked entirely. All along, engineers will be watching pressure readings to learn whether the well is intact.

Allen said BP will monitor the results every six hours and end the test after 48 hours to evaluate the findings.

The one-day delay came just when it looked as if the Gulf oil crisis was nearing an end. The holdup was met

with disappointment along the Gulf Coast.

"This thing's been going on for so long now, it's time to take a gamble," said Mitch Jurisich, a third-generation oyster farmer from Empire, La. "If it's going to blow the bottom of the ocean out, it's just going to blow the bottom out."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the government acted "out of an abundance of caution to do no harm," and added that he did not consider the delay to be "some giant setback."

With the testing on hold, oil continued to spew nearly unimpeded into the water. Two vessels on the surface collected about 700,000 gallons on Tuesday, BP said. The government estimates 1.5 million to 2.5 million gallons are leaking every day.

BP also said it was halting drilling for the duration of the test on one of two relief wells.

Feds feel fliers' pain

Government wants airlines to be more upfront about added fees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Finding the best deal on a flight has become a lot more difficult, thanks to hefty baggage and service fees that consumers often don't know about until they show up at the airline counter, congressional investigators say.

Those fees are not part of the ticket price, meaning they can easily go unseen until it's too late for the consumer to shop around. Amounting to billions of dollars for the airlines, the fees also are exempt from an excise tax, and some lawmakers want to reclaim that money for the Treasury.

Airlines, travel agents, online travel services and other ticket distribution channels should be required to disclose fees for checked baggage, changed reservations and other services in a clear and consistent manner, the Government Accountability Office said in a report out Wednesday.

Since 2007, many airlines have been charging for services that were traditionally included in the price of a ticket. That's improved airline bottom lines in a tough economy but raised the ire of travelers who find themselves nicked-and-dimed to substantially higher costs.

Besides checked bags, some airlines charge fees for seat selection, extra leg room, prime spots in boarding lines, blankets, pillows, drinks and meals. "Those



An American Airlines sign at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle lists the fees for checked baggage. The Government Accountability Office has recommended that the government improve the disclosure of airline fees, not only by airlines, but also by travel booking services.

fees can be an unexpected shock totaling hundreds of dollars," said Charles Leocha, director of the Consumer Travel Alliance.

In the last budget year, 10 U.S. airlines collected \$7.8 billion in such fees, congressional accountants say. The leader was Delta Air Lines, the world's largest airline, with \$1.6 billion.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., who led a House hearing Wednesday on the matter, told airlines that the public will push back "and then Congress will act" if the industry does not show restraint with the fees. Airlines say fees benefit passengers because they allow airlines to keep ticket prices down and consumers pay only for services they use.

"This is a deregulated industry

and this is an industry that should be able to charge whatever it opts to charge for services," said David Castelveter, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines.

"There is no reason why one passenger should subsidize another for a service he or she doesn't consume," Castelveter said. He said airlines already disclose the fees consumers are most concerned about, like checked bag fees, on their websites.

Transportation Department is considering requiring airlines to disclose two ticket prices to passengers: a "full fare" with all mandatory charges like taxes, and "full fare-plus" with the extras. Computer reservation systems

used by travel agents and ticketing services are capable of providing clear information on fees that allows consumers to compare total trip prices. That hasn't happened because airlines won't supply the travel industry with fees, Kyle Moore, vice president of Sabre Holdings, which owns Travelocity, told the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The government charges a 7.5 percent excise tax on airline tickets to pay for the air traffic system. The IRS ruled last year that optional fees aren't subject to the excise tax.

The report says the government could have raised \$186 million last year if the checked bag fees alone had been taxed.

Panel: Diabetes drug should stay on market

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A majority of federal health experts voted Wednesday to keep the controversial diabetes pill Avandia on the market despite evidence that it increases the risk of heart attack.

A panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers voted 20-12 against withdrawing GlaxoSmithKline's once-blockbuster drug. Panelists who voted to keep the drug on the market were split between several options, including adding new warning labels and restricting

use of the drug.

The vote marks a win for British drugmaker Glaxo, which has been battered in the press and on Capitol Hill for its handling of the drug.

The FDA is not required to follow the advice of its panelists, though it usually does. Officials said they would review the meeting transcript and make a decision on Avandia as soon as possible.

The vote also came despite an earlier ruling by the panel that Avandia appears to increase heart attack risk compared with other diabetes treatments.



The diabetes pill Avandia will stay on the market for now.

New rules for preventive care: No out-of-pocket cost

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From counseling for kids who struggle with their weight, to cancer screenings for their parents, preventive health care will soon be available at no out-of-pocket cost under consumer rules the Obama administration unveiled Wednesday.

That means no copays, deductibles or coinsurance for those covered by the new requirements.

The Obama administration estimates that 41 million Americans will benefit initially, with the number projected to rise to 88 million by 2013. Many large company plans, which usually offer solid preventive benefits,

will be exempt from the requirements initially.

Better preventive coverage is one of the goals of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law, part of a shift to try to catch problems early, before high cholesterol can lead to heart disease.

"Services like these will go a long way in preventing chronic illnesses that consume over 75 percent of the health care spending in this country," said first lady Michelle Obama, announcing the new benefits at a Washington hospital.

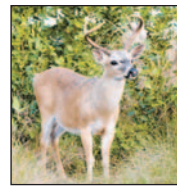
Better preventive care may be an investment, but it still carries an upfront cost. Premiums will go up by 1.5 percent on average, as spending for the services is

spread broadly across an entire pool of insured people.

The prevention requirements take effect for health plans renewing on or after Sept. 23, which means most beneficiaries will see them starting Jan. 1. Coincidentally, that's also when Medicare recipients get access to most preventive services at no out-of-pocket cost — another change under the health care law.

Research has shown that people tend to skip recommended preventive care if cost is an issue, and even a modest copayment can make a difference. Cost-free prevention was one idea that received widespread support during the contentious health care debate last year in Congress.

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Fagan goes Hollywood, attends ESPYs



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Dunnellon's Kasey Fagan reacts after winning the Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award last month. On Wednesday the Tigers ace attended the ESPY awards with the other 11 national award winners.

Busy stretch for Dunnellon star includes All-Star game, parade

JOHN COSCIA
 Chronicle

The biggest names in high school and professional sports convened in Los Angeles on Wednesday to attend the ESPY awards. And counted among that number was Dunnellon's Kasey Fagan.

The Lady Tigers superstar ace pitcher/third baseman was invited to the awards ceremony after winning the Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year

award last month. Fagan, who will attend the University of Florida this fall and play softball for the Gators, was one of six female athletes and six male athletes invited to a special luncheon in their honor that was emceed by ESPN's Stuart Scott. Attending the luncheon were Lisa Leslie (1989-90 Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year), Kevin Love (2007 Gatorade Male High School Athlete of the Year), Brandi Chastain (FC Gold Pride,

WPS) and Wes Welker (1999-00 Gatorade Oklahoma Football Player of the Year).

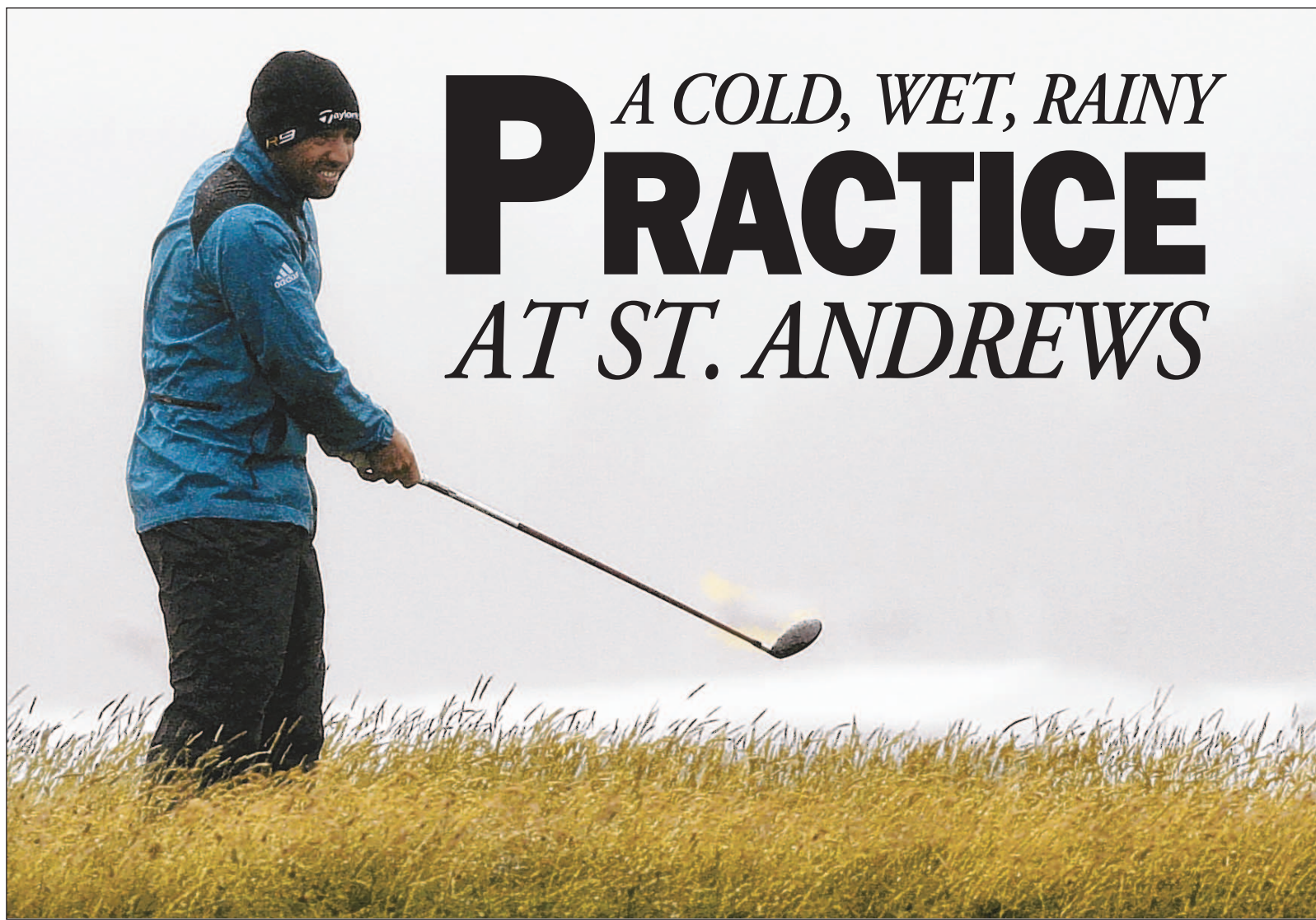
From among the 12 elite athletes who earned national recognition in their respective sports, two were chosen as the Gatorade Male and Female National Players of the year. The were two-time Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year Brandon Knight (Pine Crest School/Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year Chiney Ogwumike (Cy-Fair High School/Cypress, Texas).

Established in 1985, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recog-

nizes one athlete in each sport in the District of Columbia and the 50 states. Then one National Player of the Year for each of the 12 sports is recognized. Athletes are chosen from the following high school sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball and boys and girls track and field.

In addition to athletic excellence, the award recognizes academic achievement and exemplary character on and off the field. In 2003, the Gatorade High School Athlete

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Photos by Associated Press

Spain's Sergio Garcia in action during a practice round Wednesday on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland. The British Open begins today.

A COLD, WET, RAINY PRACTICE AT ST. ANDREWS

A British Open filled with all the elements

Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — The locals are famous for saying that if it's "nae rain and nae wind then it's nae golf."

There was rain. And there was wind.

There just wasn't much golf being played Wednesday on the eve of the British Open.

Kenny Perry wanted to play one more practice round, and the miserable weather wasn't about to stop him. It just made him think about how long he really wanted to be in the kind of elements St. Andrews hasn't seen in 15 years for the British Open.

Three holes after he teed off, with raindrops on his glasses and water dripping off a black rainsuit that had turned slick and shiny, he cut across the Old Course to play two holes back toward the

MORE GOLF INSIDE

- Brits primed to win claret jug this year.
- See today's tee times for British Open.

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clubhouse. As he stepped onto the 17th tee, Perry noticed a man grinning at him from beneath an umbrella.

"Are you enjoying our weather?" the man said in his thick brogue.

"What's there to enjoy?" Perry replied.

Worse yet was leaving the 17th tee with Nick Watney, rain pelting them sideways and the sound of laughter above them. There was Ian Poulter, dressed in shorts and a shirt, taking pictures of them from the comfort of his third-floor room in the Old Course Hotel.

"Having fun down there, boys?" Poulter called out to them.

The fun doesn't begin until today, when the 139th version of golf's oldest championship gets under way at St. Andrews, with weather that likely will be as much of a factor as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or any of the players.

And it's about time.

The last time the Open came to St. Andrews, there was only one round of a stiff breeze and Woods won by five shots at 14-under 274. Ten years ago on a sun-baked links, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269 for an eight-shot win in perfect weather. But there was nasty weather in 1995, when John Daly finished at 6-under 282 and won a playoff.

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Japan's Ryo Ishikawa putts on the 17th green during a practice round Wednesday at St. Andrews.

Paulinho wins 10th stage of Tour RadioShack team finally tastes success

Associated Press

GAP, France — Something finally went right for Lance Armstrong's squad at the Tour de France.

Team RadioShack got its first taste of success at this year's Tour when Sergio Paulinho of Portugal captured the 10th stage Wednesday, narrowly winning a two-man sprint among breakaway riders.

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg retained the yellow jersey. He finished in the main pack more than 14 minutes back, alongside his biggest rivals for the title.

Paulinho edged Vasil Kiryienka of Belarus over the sun-baked 111-mile trek from Chambéry to Gap that featured one difficult climb — the Laffrey pass — as the race left the Alps.

Paulinho pointed skyward then sucked his thumb in honor of his 8-month-old daughter after beating Kiryienka by less than half a wheel. They both clocked 5 hours, 10 minutes, 56 seconds. Belgium's Dries Devenyns was third: 1:29 behind.

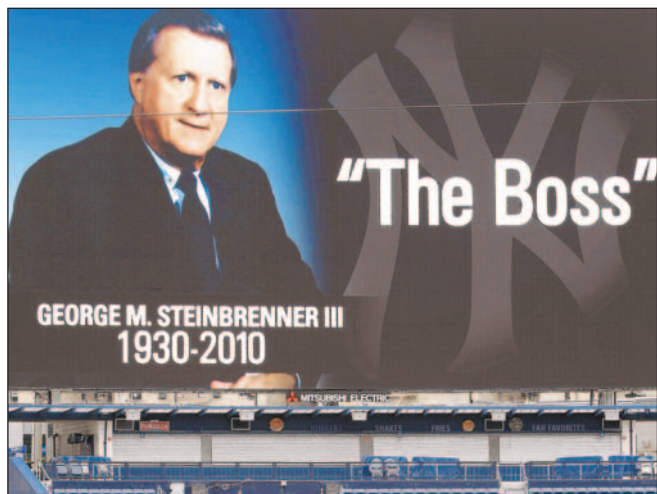
"This is a victory we've been looking for a while, after all the bad luck we had in the first week," Paulinho said. "I hope this victory gives morale back to our team."

It was the Portuguese rider's first individual stage win at the Tour, though he was part of the Astana squad — including Lance Armstrong and 2010 Tour winner Alberto Contador — that won the team time-trial last year.

Armstrong brought Paulinho and several other former Astana teammates to

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Steinbrenner's impact on baseball beyond Yankees



Associated Press

A giant video displays a memoriam Tuesday for New York Yankees principal owner George M. Steinbrenner in center field at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Principal owner started strategy for N.Y. dynasty

Associated Press

NEW YORK — George Steinbrenner's impact on baseball went far beyond his New York Yankees.

He showed all teams that spending lavishly on players — when done intelligently — was a way to produce winners, and even some of his rivals adopted that strategy. And he revolutionized the game with his decisions to start a tele-

vision network and a catering company, and a huge equipment supply contract.

"Regardless of what one's personal opinion is, and obviously he was a close friend, his impact was historical," agent Tom Reich said Wednesday, a day after the colorful and controversial owner died of a heart attack at age 80.

"There are many aspects of the system that don't exist without what he was able to do with the Yankees, not only as a team but as a brand and a business conglomerate. And that changed the financial typography of the game."

Steinbrenner headed a

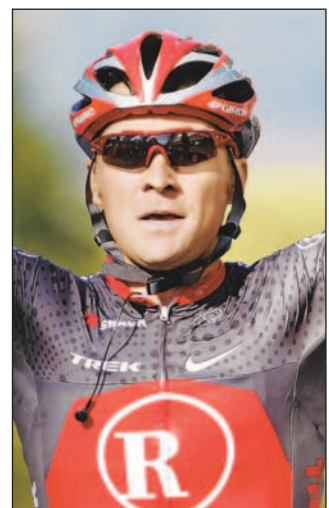
group that bought the Yankees in January 1973 for \$8.7 million net and turned it into a large business valued at \$1.6 billion by Forbes.

Since his health began to decline after the 2003 season, power shifted to Steinbrenner's children and the team's management.

Hal Steinbrenner, the younger son, became managing general partner in November 2008. Hal runs the business for himself, older brother Hank and sisters Jessica and Jennifer.

Team president Randy Levine oversees the finances of the Yankees, the

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Associated Press

Sergio Paulinho of Portugal crosses the finish line to win the 10th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday. The 10th stage crossed over 111.2 miles with the start in Chambéry and finish in Gap, France.

CYCLING
Tour de France Results

Wednesday
At Gap, France
10th Stage

A 111.2-mile medium-mountain ride through the Alps from Chambéry to Gap (one Category 1 climb)

1. Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, Team RadioShack, 5 hours, 10 minutes, 56 seconds.
2. Vasilii Kiryienka, Belarus, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.
3. Dries Devenyns, Belgium, Quick Step, 1 minute, 29 seconds behind.
4. Pierre Rolland, France, Bbox Bouygues Telecom, same time.
5. Mario Aerts, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 1:33.
6. Maxime Bouet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 3:20.
7. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, 12:58.
8. Remi Pauriol, France, Cofidis, 13:57.
9. Mark Cavendish, Britain, Team HTC-Columbia, 14:19.
10. Alessandro Petacchi, Italy, Lampre-Far-nese, same time.
11. Thor Hushovd, Norway, Cervelo Test Team, same time.
12. Robbie McEwen, Australia, Katusha Team, same time.
13. Lloyd Mondory, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
14. Sebastien Turgot, France, Bbox Bouygues Telecom, same time.
15. Jose Joaquin Rojas, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.
16. Sebastian Lang, Germany, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
17. Jurgen Roelandts, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
18. Kristijan Koren, Slovenia, Liquigas-Doimo, same time.
19. Damien Monier, France, Cofidis, same time.
20. Matti Breschel, Denmark, Team Saxo Bank, same time.

- Also**
21. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, same time.
 23. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Team RadioShack, same time.
 25. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, same time.
 30. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
 37. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Team RadioShack, same time.
 41. Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Team RadioShack, same time.
 43. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.
 46. Denis Menchov, Russia, Rabobank, same time.
 66. Yaroslav Popovych, Ukraine, Team RadioShack, same time.
 78. George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing Team, same time.
 84. Andreas Kloeeden, Germany, Team RadioShack, same time.
 109. Christopher Horner, United States, Team RadioShack, same time.
 130. Lance Armstrong, United States, Team RadioShack, 15:47.
 132. Dmitry Muravyev, Kazakhstan, Team RadioShack, same time.
 146. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Transitions, same time.
 165. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Transitions, same time.
 175. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing Team, same time.

- Overall Standings**
(After 10 stages)
1. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 49 hours, 56 seconds.
 2. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 41 seconds behind.
 3. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, 2:45.
 4. Denis Menchov, Russia, Rabobank, 2:58.
 5. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 3:31.
 6. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Team RadioShack, 3:59.
 7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 4:22.
 8. Luis-Leon Sanchez, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, 4:41.
 9. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 5:08.
 10. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas-Doimo, 5:09.
 11. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Liquigas-Doimo, 5:11.
 12. Ryder Hesjedal, Canada, Garmin-Transitions, 5:42.
 13. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, 6:23.
 14. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, Astana, 6:31.
 15. Michael Rogers, Australia, Team HTC-Columbia, 7:04.
 16. Carlos Sastre, Spain, Cervelo Test Team, 7:13.
 17. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Pro Cycling, 7:18.
 18. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing Team, 7:47.
 19. Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Sky Pro Cycling, 8:03.
 20. Andreas Kloeeden, Germany, Team RadioShack, 9:05.

- Also**
25. Christopher Horner, United States, Team RadioShack, 11:06.
 31. Lance Armstrong, United States, Team RadioShack, 17:22.
 35. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Team RadioShack, 21:43.
 54. Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, Team RadioShack, 41:51.
 70. Yaroslav Popovych, Ukraine, Team RadioShack, 53:14.
 84. George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing Team, 1:02:37.
 134. Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Team RadioShack, 1:27:04.
 140. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing Team, 1:29:46.
 150. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Transitions, 1:35:32.
 176. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Transitions, 1:50:18.
 177. Dmitry Muravyev, Kazakhstan, Team RadioShack, 1:55:00.
- NEXT: Thursday** — A 114.6-mile plain stage from Sisteron to Bourg-les-Valence.

Tour de France Glimpse

Stage: The 111.2-mile trek from Chambéry to Gap featured one category 1 climb as riders went through the southern Alps.

Winner: Sergio Paulinho of Portugal won in 5 hours, 10 minutes, 56 seconds. He beat Vasilii Kiryienka of Belarus in a sprint to the finish line in baking hot conditions. Belgian rider Dries Devenyns finished in third place.

Yellow Jersey: Andy Schleck of Luxembourg kept the yellow jersey and maintained his 41-second lead over defending champion Alberto Contador. Spanish rider Samuel Sanchez is 2:45 back in third.

Quote of the Day: "He's a very strong rider and never thinks about himself. I'm very happy to see him win a stage in the Tour de France and shine for himself." — Paulinho's Team RadioShack manager Johan Bruyneel.

Next stage: The 11th stage Thursday is a flatter, 114.6-mile route from Sisteron to Bourg-les-Valence.

TRANSACTIONS


BASEBALL
American League

SEATTLE MARINERS—Promoted INF Dustin Ackley, LHP Edward Paredes and RHP Anthony Varvaro to Tacoma (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired SS Yunel Escobar and LHP Jo-Jo Reyes from Atlanta Braves for SS Alex Gonzalez, LHP Tim Collins

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



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

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PLAY 4 (late)
1 - 4 - 2 - 8

FANTASY 5
7 - 15 - 19 - 23 - 24

POWERBALL
20 - 21 - 23 - 38 - 42

POWER BALL
6

POWER PLAY
3

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

BICYCLING

8:30 a.m. (VERSUS) Tour de France: Stage 11 from Sisteron to Bourg-les-Valence

GOLF

7 a.m. (ESPN) British Open, First Round

2 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Nationwide Tour: Chiquita Classic, First Round

4 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour: Legends Reno-Tahoe Open, First Round

7 p.m. (ESPN) British Open, Best of the First Round (Same-day tape)

4 a.m. (ESPN) British Open, Second Round

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

8 p.m. (ESPN2) Seattle Sounders FC at D.C. United

and INF Tyler Pastronicky. Designated RHP Ronald Uviedo for assignment.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Claimed OF Quintin Berry off waivers from Philadelphia (NL) and optioned him to San Antonio (Texas).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Kyle Lowry to an offer sheet.

INDIANA PACERS—Named Clark Kellogg vice president for player relations.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Agreed to terms with G Derek Fisher.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Billy King general manager. Signed G Jordan Farmer, F Travis Outlaw and C Johan Petro.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Evan Turner.

PHOENIX SUNS—Acquired F-G Josh Childress from Atlanta for a 2012 second-round draft pick. Acquired F Hedo Turkoglu from Toronto for G Leandro Barbosa and F Dwayne Jones.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed QB John Skelton to a four-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived DL Keith Greenan and TE Greg Estandia.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DE Austen Lane to a four-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

EDMONTON OILERS—Re-signed F J.F. Jacques to a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA WILD—Signed C Joel Broda to a three-year contract. Re-signed G Josh Harding to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with F Brodie Dupont.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Named Ray Edwards coach and Jeff Truitt assistant coach of San Antonio Rampage (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Named Vinny Ferriulo assistant equipment manager.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed F Marcel Mueller to a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed RW Brian Willisie to a one-year contract.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed F Thierry Henry to a multiyear contract.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Placed Ball State women's tennis program on probation for three years for excessive practice requirements and the former coach's attempts to have players lie to investigators.

COLGATE—Named Keith Tyburski men's golf coach.

DELAWARE—Named Jaime Wohlbach softball coach.



The Dunnellon Lady Tigers Class 4A state and national softball champions will be honored at a parade and barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in Dunnellon.

FAGAN

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of the Year awards were established to identify and honor the nation's top overall male and female high school athletes from among the 12 Gatorade National Players of the Year honored during the high school athletic season.

All of the Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year nominees, including Fagan, walked the red carpet Wednesday night and were featured as special guests during The ESPY Awards Show which aired live on ESPN.

When Fagan returns home she will prepare for the Under Armour All-American softball game at Disney's Wide World of Sports on Wednesday, July

21. Sponsored by ESPN RISE and Target, the event will feature an All-Stars team dinner and a tour of Walt Disney, culminating with Wednesday's game featuring 30 of the country's top high school softball players.

Following the game she will return to Dunnellon and join her Lady Tigers softball team July 22 for a parade in their honor that will begin at 5:30 p.m. The parade route will start at the Dunnellon Wal-mart and conclude at Ernie Mills Park in downtown Dunnellon. The city of Dunnellon and Dunnellon High School booster club are planning a "meet and greet" at the park. Barbecue dinners can be bought for \$6 and will include barbecue pork, coleslaw, beans chips, a roll and a drink.

Attendants will see a preview of the team's Class 4A state softball championship

game and can purchase DVDs of the game for \$10. The team will be available to sign pictures and autograph personal memorabilia.

Money raised at the event will go toward their state championship rings.

Barbecue dinners may be purchased in advance at the following Dunnellon locations: Badcock, the Chamber of Commerce, Dunnellon City Hall, Superior Bank and the Local Legends restaurant.

To donate money to the Dunnellon state softball team's booster club to raise funds for the team's championship rings, call Debbie Towns at (352) 209-5793 and Robert Williams at (352) 489-5477 or (352) 266-0892.

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Sports BRIEF

LeBron James pendant pays off for Ohio woman

AKRON, Ohio — An Ohio woman who paid \$5 at a yard sale for a LeBron James pendant she thought was costume jewelry has found out it's worth nearly \$10,000.

Twenty-year-old Vaneisha Robinson says she used to wear the basketball jersey-shaped pendant to high school when she didn't know its value. Then she had it appraised.

The International Gemological Institute says Robinson's find

is the real deal. Gemologist Jerry Ehrenwald says the 14-karat white gold pendant sports more than 2 carats of diamonds.

The No. 23 jersey reads "King" on the front and "James" on the back.

— From wire reports

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HOT DIGGITY DOGS

July is national hot dog month

JULIANNE MUNN
Chronicle

Drag it through the garden Chicago style, slather it with chili sauce or simply top it with mustard, ketchup, pickle and onion. July is National Hot Dog Month and you can have your franks any way you like them.

Hot dogs are kid- and family friendly, easy to prepare and keep well in the refrigerator and freezer.

They are the anchor for such favorites as chili sauces, sauerkraut, all sorts of mustard, onions, relish, cheeses and pickles. They are versatile, too, wrapped in bacon and grilled, stirred into baked beans, encased in blankets of cornmeal and deep fried or tucked inside croissants and baked, to name a few examples.

With everyone searching for simple-to-fix meals and snacks during the hot summer months, hot

■ U.S. soldiers in military posts around the world from Fort Meyers in Arlington, Va., to Okinawa, Japan, to Aqaba, Jordan, consumed 2.4 million hot dogs last year.

The Council notes on its website there is a certain etiquette to hot dog dining. Here are some of the recommendations:

■ Don't put hot dog toppings between the hot dog and the bun. Always "dress the dog," not the bun.

■ Condiments should be applied in the following order: wet condiments like mustard and chili are applied first, followed by chunky condiments like relish, onions and sauerkraut, followed by shredded cheese, followed by spices, like celery salt or pepper.

■ Do serve sesame seed, poppy seed and plain buns with hot dogs. Sun-dried tomato buns or basil buns are considered gauche with franks.

■ Don't use a cloth napkin to wipe your mouth when eating a hot dog. Paper is always preferable.

■ Do eat hot dogs on buns with your hands. Utensils should not touch hot dogs on buns.

■ Do use paper plates to serve hot dogs. Everyday dishes are acceptable; china is a no-no.

■ Don't take more than five bites to finish a hot dog. For foot-long wieners, seven bites are acceptable.

■ Don't leave bits of bun on your plate. Eat it all.

■ Don't use ketchup on your hot dog after the age of 18. Mustard, relish, onions, cheese and chili are acceptable.

■ Don't bring wine to a hot dog barbecue. Beer, soda, lemonade and iced tea are preferable.

Here are some recipes for great dogs from the Council:

ALL-STAR CHILI DOGS

Chili Sauce

- 3/4 pound ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 8 hot dogs, cooked according to package directions
- 8 hot dog buns, split and lightly toasted
- Cheddar cheese, shredded, optional

Directions: In a medium skillet, over medium heat, brown beef and onions, breaking up beef into small pieces. Drain fat from skillet. Reduce heat to low. Stir in tomato, Worcestershire and hot pepper sauces, chili powder, salt and pepper and sugar. Simmer for about 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Place cooked hot dogs on toasted buns. Ladle 1/4 cup chili sauce over each hot dog. If desired, top with cheese.

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Julianne Munn
OVER EASY

Frozen foods for cool suppers

I really like going to the supermarket, especially during the steamy summer months. It's nice to slowly stroll along the aisles cooling off from the sticky heat outside. Trouble is, it is tempting to buy more than needed just because the atmosphere is so pleasant.

During July and August, I do look for more convenience foods that I can fix without heating up the kitchen and here are some you might like, too.

Frozen dinners are not always a big hit at our house, but we recently tried a couple of the new Lean Cuisine Market Creations and I have to tell you they are delicious.

The Shanghi-Style Shrimp and the Garlic Chicken were very good, with plenty of chicken and shrimp, flavorful sauces and crisp vegetables. Other new "creations" are Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Margherita and Mushroom Tortelloni.

Frankly, any frozen foods that indicate they are good for those on a weight-loss diet are not usually on my grocery list, but these will be.

We also like Stouffer's Stuffed Green Peppers and a couple of the Marie Callender dinners. And of course, the Marie Callender frozen pie crusts are as good or better than homemade.

While I'm on a supermarket kick, I hope all of you chocolate aficionados have discovered the new Dark Chocolate ice cream by Hagan Daas. This is chocolate ice cream to die for — well, at least to always have on hand in case of a chocolate attack. The best ice cream yet. Publix has it. Please leave some for me.

Now I know Dark Chocolate ice cream doesn't fall in the lunch or supper main dish category, but what a wonderful dessert treat on a hot night — or anytime for that matter.

If you're a devotee of Schwan home-delivered goodies, I can recommend the Chicken Lime Fiesta and Fresca by Scotto Penne Pasta dinners, among others.

And last, but certainly not least, the individual pineapple upside down cakes in the Gourmet frozen section at SweetBay Supermarket are wicked good.

I love a good Monte Cristo sandwich and this one looks like a winner:

MONTE CRISTO

- 18 slices large slice country-style bread
- 6 slices cooked turkey
- 6 slices Swiss cheese
- 6 slices cooked ham

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dogs are the go-to answer for quick satisfaction.

July is designated as the month for dogs by the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council because it falls in the middle of hot dog season between Memorial and Labor Day weekend. The NHDSC says hot dog producers estimate that 38 percent of all dogs are sold during this period, with 10 percent of the total occurring in July.

Companies like Information Resources Inc. in Chicago or NPD in Port Washington, N.Y., track data for hot dog sales and statistics.

■ In 2009, consumers spent more than \$1.6 billion on hot dogs and sausages in U.S. supermarkets.

■ Americans will eat enough hot dogs at major league ballparks this year to stretch from Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg and back. (Those were the two sites of the 2008 World Series.)

■ Los Angeles residents consume more hot dogs than any other city, beating out New York and San Antonio/Corpus Christi, Texas.

■ Travelers at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport consume six times more hot dogs than Los Angeles International Airport and LaGuardia Airport combined.

■ On Independence Day, Americans enjoy 150 million hot dogs, enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. over five times.

■ During Hot Dog Season — Memorial Day to Labor Day — Americans typically consume 7 billion hot dogs, or 818 hot dogs consumed every second.

Ted Anthony: A hamburger with the taste of Sichuan

AP food assistant showcases his abilities

Editor's note: Celebrate the delicious diversity of the great American hamburger. Each week for 20 weeks, the AP will feature a new burger.

TED ANTHONY
Associated Press

Unlike the other pushers of AP's 20 Burgers of Summer, I'm no celebrity. I'm just a guy who happens to work with AP's food editor — and who has

spent much of the past decade pushing carnivorousness upon Said Food Editor and taking unfair credit for his rejection of vegetarianism.

In short: In this crowd of gastronomic hanties, I'm the token vox populi. I'm the man on the street they always interview after someone important comes to town, only with hamburgers.

That said, I've also had the good fortune to both grow up in what Said Food

Editor calls "mayonnaise America" and spend chunks of my life, including part of my childhood, in China, appreciating the tapestry of food there and missing it desperately when I'm home.

Then one day, Said Food Editor came to me and barked, "Make me a burger. Make me remember it." And it dawned on me: Why not take the best peppery, pungent, garlicky tastes of the street stalls of Sichuan (that's how we obnoxious China hands spell "Szechwan," the province where blunt-force



Associated Press

These Old Chengdu snack burgers burgers from AP writer Ted Anthony pack a serious heat punch and result in a most memorable burger.

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Indoor yard sale in Meadowcrest

Nature Coast Ministries will have a huge indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Meadowcrest at 1592 Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, off State Road 44.

All proceeds benefit the needy of Citrus County through this ever-expanding ministry.

Card party, luncheon planned

The public is invited to attend a card party and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Inverness, hosted by the GFWC Woman's Club of Inverness.

Participants usually get together their own group and bring their own cards or board games; however, singles who wish to participate are welcome to come join group games such as Hand and Foot.

GFWC members bring a variety of salads and desserts that are served buffet style.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be reserved by calling Fran Pierce at 637-1582 or Georgia Baum at 726-7566.

CMUG Photoshop classes on tap

Citrus Macintosh Users Group will have two-for-one Photoshop Elements classes on July 22 and 26. Pay for the first class and go to the second class free. Classes are \$10 for individual, \$15 for family and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information, e-mail Carolyn Herrin, vice president, education, at cmuged@gmail.com or call 341-5555.

The July meeting will be at 7 p.m. on July 22 in room 103, building C4 at College of Central Florida Citrus Campus, featuring Silver Keeper, free backup software.

For more information about CMUG, visit the Web site at cmugonline.com, or e-mail or call cmugpres@gmail.com, 220-6158.

CUB plans Christmas in July

Citrus United Basket will have its indoor Christmas in July sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 26, through Thursday, July 29. An outdoor yard sale of furniture and household items will also run in conjunction with the inside Christmas in July sale, weather permitting.

CUB is at 103 Mill Ave., Inverness. Call 344-2242.

Animal Shelter ADOPTABLES

Toni



Special to the Chronicle

Toni is a young, small, female retriever mix. She is one of the favorites of the shelter volunteers. Toni is very obedient and affectionate; she walks well on a leash and loves getting attention from people. She gets along great with other animals and will be a wonderful family pet. Toni is ready to go to her forever home and is waiting for you at Citrus County Animal Shelter, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View all the shelter's adoptable pets online at www.citruscritters.com. Call 746-8400.

Exercise in countywide cooperation



Special to the Chronicle

On Thursday, July 8, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners, the city councils of Inverness and Crystal River and the Florida Department of Transportation signed a historic document for the county. They created the Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), which will give the county as one entity more clout in regional transportation planning issues and highway project funding. Attending the ceremony were, front, from left: John Siefert, executive director of the Citrus County Economic Development Council, which led the effort; Ron Lieberman, chairman of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Tampa Bay Area Transportation Authority (TBARTA); John Thrumston, Citrus County commissioner and county representative on TBARTA; Don Skelton, secretary of FDOT District 7; Jacquie Hepfer, Inverness councilwoman; Joe Meek, Citrus County commissioner; Dennis Damato, Citrus County Commission vice-chairman, who signed the TPO for the county commission; Brad Thorpe, Citrus County administrator; (back, from left): Frederick Busack, attorney with Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A., who assisted the EDC with the TPO; Frank DiGiovanni, Inverness city manager; Andy Houston, Crystal River city manager; Bob Plaisted, mayor of Inverness; Ron Kitchen, mayor of Crystal River; Paula Wheeler, Crystal River councilwoman; and Winn Webb, Citrus County commissioner.

Self-defense training on tap

Course for women offered by Parks & Rec

Special to the Chronicle

Women all across the U.S. are arming themselves with Rape Aggression Defense Training.

Rape can happen to anyone, anytime and it can happen in the blink of an eye, when it is least expected. The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) system prepares women and teenage girls for the specific types of attacks that might be used against them during a rape, abduction or other such violent attack. RAD class empowers women and gives confidence needed to escape violence or danger.

RAD is a personal safety education and empowerment self-defense course for women and girls 13 years and older. The program focuses on awareness, risk reduction and practical physical defense techniques. The philosophy and techniques were designed specifically for women and with the types of assaults against women in mind. For that reason, the program places an emphasis on the woman's surroundings

with recognizing and avoiding risks as a chief concern. The RAD physical defense techniques take advantage of the natural strengths of women's bodies and are specifically intended to identify the attacker's weaknesses. Each physical technique is taught defensively with the primary goal of escape.

Teenage girls and mothers of teenage girls with concerns about date rape and rape in social environments (parties, night clubs, school events, etc.) — including the use of date-rape drugs, physical force and abduction — are encouraged to take a RAD class together so they can both be empowered.

The RAD basic physical defense class includes 12 hours of instruction. Classes are taught one night per week, three hours per night, for four weeks.

The curriculum includes:

- In-depth discussion and exploration of risk reduction and awareness strategies.
- Opportunities to explore and discuss.

- More than 36 defense techniques.
- Debriefing and group discussion.
- Participant/student manual.
- Supervised dynamic-impact training.
- Realization of personal power.
- Empowerment for women and girls.
- Supervised realistic simulation exercises.

Classes are limited to 10 students and will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Thursday from July 29 through Aug. 19, at the Beverly Hills Community Building, 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Tuition is \$55 for the entire 12-hour course, which includes the free lifetime return and practice. Tuition concessions are available when participants attend class with a friend or family member.

Classes are taught by nationally certified instructor Debbie Brown. Contact Citrus County Parks & Recreation at 465-7007 or register online at www.citruscountyfl.org. Click on Parks & Recreation to register. For questions, call (352) 445-1171.

Ministry for Legacy House



Special to the Chronicle

The prayer quilt ministry of First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, Loving Hands and Hearts, made and donated 70 bibs recently to Hospice Legacy House in honor of one of its members, Mary Woitkun, who is at Legacy House. Pictured sporting some of the bibs are: Nancy MacClellan, Gloria Williams, Mary Hendren, Carol Haskell, Naomi Metcalf, Faye Patterson, Mary Woitkun and Janet Baker.

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Elks also plan Christmas in July

The West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693 will have its Christmas in July dinner/dance on July 24, a few months earlier than the traditional Christmas time of the year (no presents necessary). The entertainment will be provided by The Carriers, who provide good, clean music for everyone's enjoyment.

Chef Ken will lend his culinary talent by presenting a traditional Christmas fare of turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potato casserole, cranberry relish, vegetable, salad bar, pumpkin pie and coffee served from 6 p.m., with cocktail hour at 5 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person. A drawing will be done, with the proceeds going to the Army of Hope. Tickets are on sale in the lounge.

Timeshare owners to meet July 25

The Florida Timeshare Owners Group will meet Sunday, July 25, at the Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, Venice.

Representatives of Resort Condominiums International, Interval International and Vacation Resorts International will be in attendance and participate in an open forum discussion by the membership. They will discuss their respective company's exchange programs and answer questions from attendees. In addition, Thomas Tubbs, organizer of the recently formed Licensed Timeshare Brokers Association, will discuss how this new group will be of benefit to all timeshare owners. Lisa Ann Schreiber, director of Timeshare Insights, will cover the latest efforts being made to curb wrongdoing in the timeshare resale business.

Advance seating reservations for this meeting are required. Contact Frank Debar, group coordinator, at (941) 351-1384, or by e-mail at fdebar433@gmail.com. The group's website is tsownersgroup.com.

Spuds, ice cream served bar style

Do you want to try something new?

Citrus Eagles No. 3992 plans its first Baked Potato and Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

One Saturday night a month from 5 to 7 p.m. beginning July 31, the Eagles will have a Baked Potato Bar with a variety of toppings and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar with a variety of toppings. Cost will be \$5.

BHRA plans taste of Cajun country

The Beverly Hills Recreation Association invites the community to a fundraiser, the first Cajun Night, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 31. DeeJay Cajun Dave will provide a variety of music for dancing and listening pleasure. Hailing from New Orleans, Dave is famous for his appearances at Neon Leon's Zydeco Steak House in Homosassa.

Advance tickets are \$10; \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Jambalaya, cornbread, coleslaw, dessert, coffee and beverages will be served. Call 746-4882.

Class reunion set for CRHS 1980

The Crystal River High School Class of 1980 is planning a 30-year reunion. The dates are July 30 through Aug. 1.

For information, e-mail crhsclassof80@yahoo.com or contact Tracy Gerrits Rash at 563-5398 or Katie Daly Carnahan at 795-8721.

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 15, 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 details.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. This deal immediately followed yesterday's during a social game of Chicago earlier this year. What do you think of the various decisions in the auction? West chose to pass, not open two diamonds, because his hand contained two first-round controls, four cards in an unbid major and a flimsy suit.

Bridge section titled 'Bridge' with a hand diagram showing North, South, East, and West hands, and a dealer's vulnerable position. Includes an opening lead of heart 7.

cowardly. West, judging well not to lead a diamond, sensibly chose the heart seven, top of nothing, to make sure partner knew he had no honor in the suit. East defended accurately, winning with the king and shifting to his trump. West took declarer's king with his ace and returned a trump. South pulled the last trump and played a spade. West discarded an encouraging diamond, so East took dummy's king with his ace and shifted to that suit. West took declarer's queen with his king and carefully returned a diamond. Now declarer had to lead away from his heart queen and went down four, minus 300 because of South's honors. East apologized for not doubling, then noticed that five diamonds was unbeatable for his side!

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon of a woman at a perfume counter and a word search grid with the answer 'GRIPPING'.

- ACROSS: 1 Kitchen gadget, 6 Sarcasm, 11 Conjecture, 12 Proportion, 13 Casino employee, 15 Intending, 16 Lofty goals, 18 Jellyfish abode, 19 Pt. of speech, 21 Kind of system, 22 Large lot, 23 Uncover, 25 Grassy surface, 28 Cheech and —, 30 Gov't narcs, 31 Billiards stick, 32 Countdown start, 33 Above, to a bard, 35 Terre —, 37 NNW opposite, 38 Perfume bottle, 40 Driver with a handle.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: AMBLE, BRASSY, DRUIDS, LIFTED, ZINNIA, AGREES, DELBSA, BAAOMS, COTUMA, PEACH, APTTEL, USURY, BEIGES, IMPTEED, SELES, BOALEE, PANHUD, AYN, UKE, EBB, VIRILE, ROARED, COINED, NOSIER, RUPEES, PECKS.

Dear Annie: My 34-year-old daughter, "Mary," has two children I love dearly and often take care of. Though she says she loves me, Mary has told me in anger that she doesn't respect me. I don't know where I went wrong or whether it is something in her. We've always had a complicated relationship. I'm well aware of my failings as a mother, but I never was deliberately unkind to her. In fact, my other child views me in the opposite way. To her, I can do no wrong. Mary, however, thinks I can do nothing right. In order to keep the peace, I sit quietly and take her tongue-lashings even though they embarrass and humiliate me.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

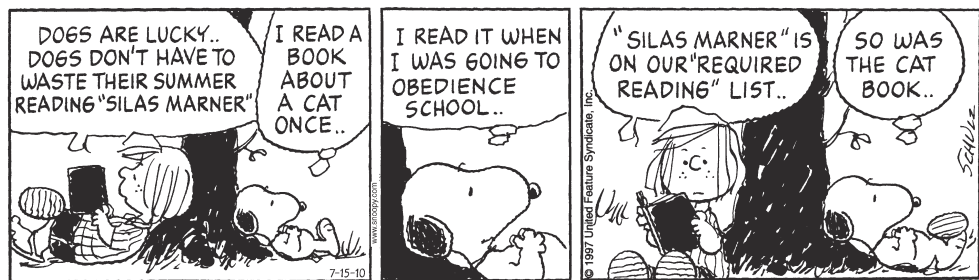
Mary also treats her husband without respect, and he has witnessed her being intentionally rude to me. I cannot understand why she says things she knows will hurt me, especially since she didn't grow up in this type of atmosphere. Please give me some guidance. — A Sad Mother in a Southern State

third party about what bothers you can be tremendously helpful. Cast yourself as her ally instead of her put-upon mother, and it's possible you could change the way she responds to you. Dear Annie: Some- one in my office keeps stealing lunches, including mine, from the workroom fridge. I don't want to sink to their level and do something bad to the food. What should I do? — Hungry in Grand Island

the household expenses when his wife had 10 times his income. Since when did marriage become a "yours and mine" union? I have been married to a terrific guy for 33 years, and we have raised two wonderful boys. We were a two-income family until four years ago, when I left my job. At no time has our income been anything but "ours," even now. We have always had joint banking accounts, along with joint bills, which were always paid with "our" money. The subject of who is responsible for what portion of the bills or who will pay what percentage toward a vacation never entered our minds. I am appalled that someone has so little regard for his marriage that his wife must forgo a vacation because she can't afford it. Marriage brings a lot of changes, including the joining of income and financial responsibility. It is a selfish spouse who does not realize it should be a 50-50 partnership in all aspects. — Happily Sharing for 33 Years

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com. Includes a crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-57.

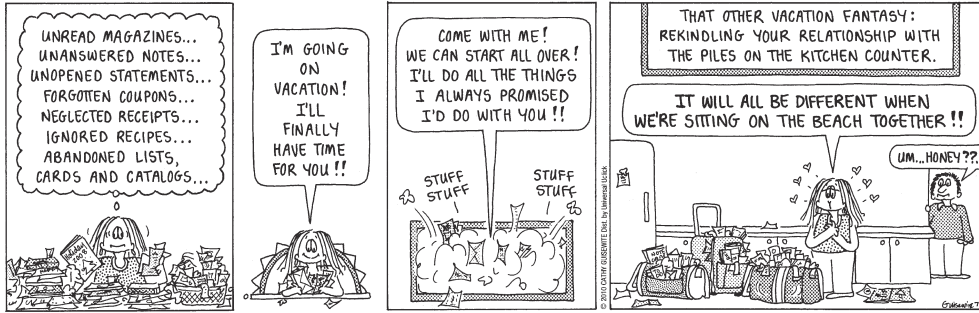
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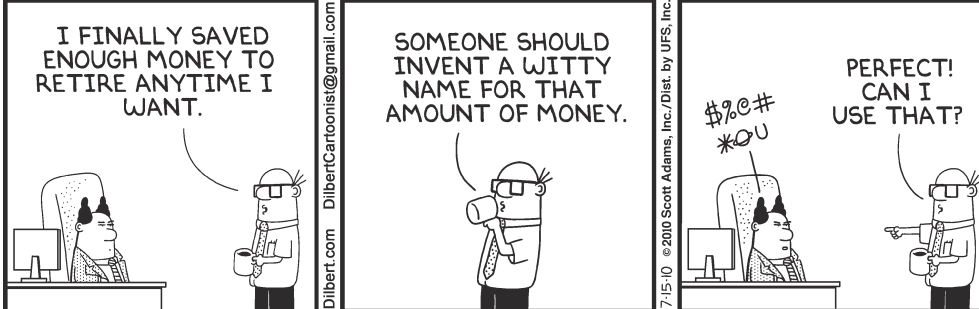
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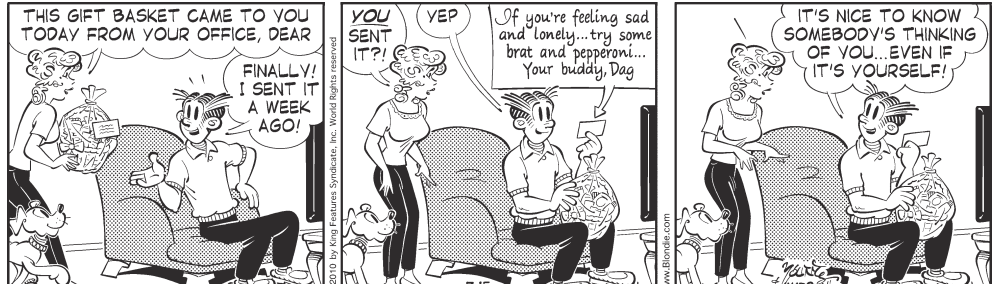
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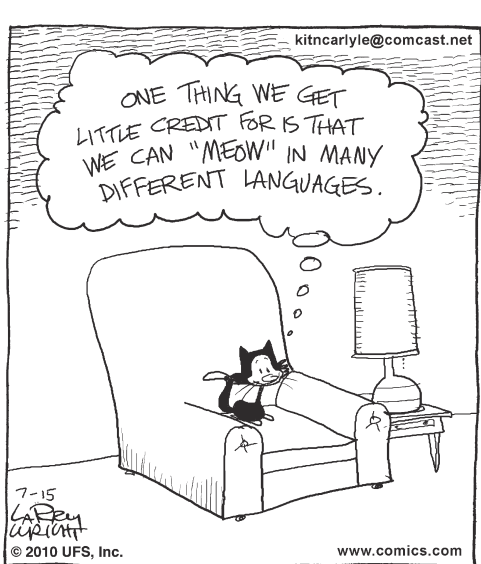
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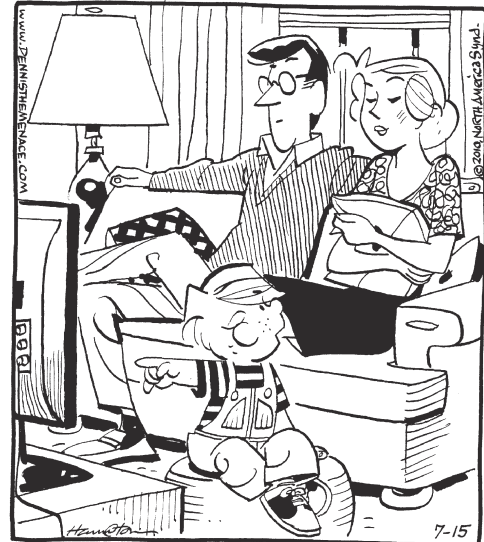
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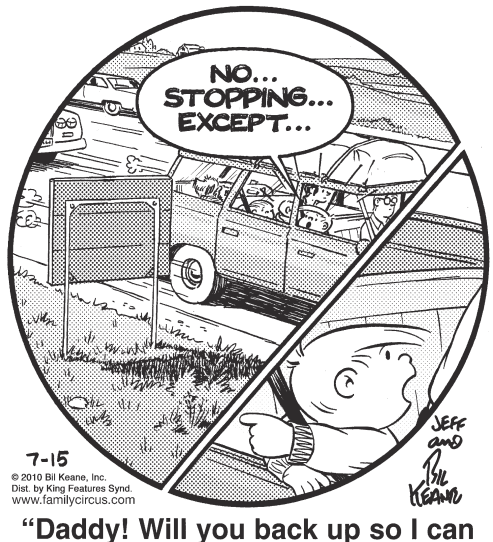
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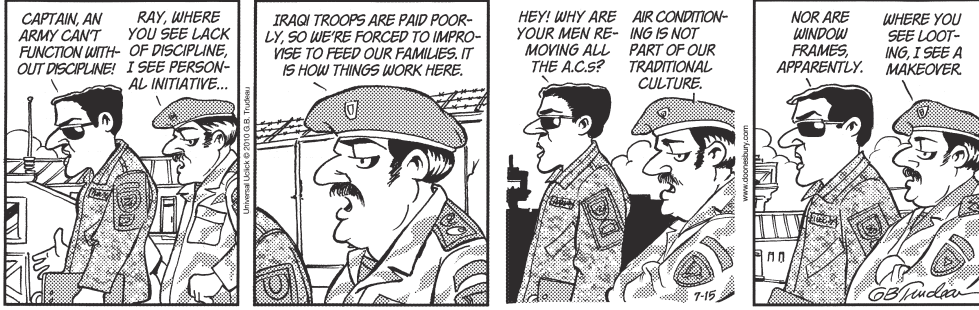
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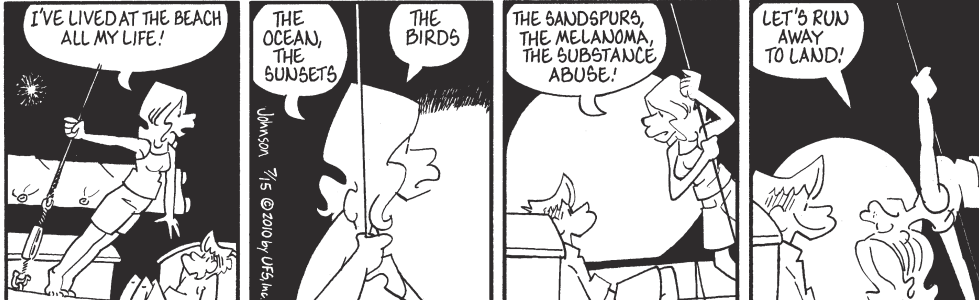
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Local RADIO

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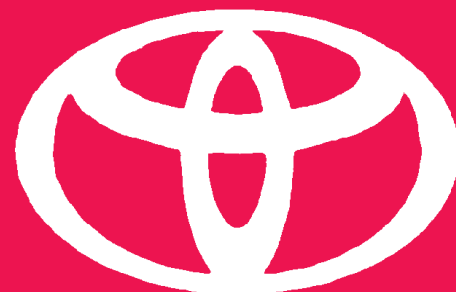
Today's MOVIES

- Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377, 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice', 'Despicable Me', etc.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Today's clue: I equals U. 'HWMZDYC M FIZFJWYWTS DP JDSW'

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