



Lawmakers tell Crist to take a hike

Special session adjourns without addressing anti-drilling proposal

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican-controlled Florida House abruptly ended a special legislative session Tuesday just 43 minutes after it began without voting on Gov. Charlie Crist's proposed constitutional amendment to ban

offshore drilling in state waters. The nearly party-line vote to adjourn may have dealt Crist, who quit the GOP to run for U.S. Senate as an independent, a legislative defeat in record time. But Crist, as well as Democrats, seized on this issue. "How arrogant can a Legisla-

ture be?" Crist said. "When President (Harry) Truman was president, he called the Congress the do-nothing Congress. Well, today I call this Legislature the do-nothing Legislature and I'm going to give them hell for it. I can't believe that they would have that much of a lack of respect for the people of Florida."

Crist called lawmakers into special session in a bid to put the drilling ban on the November ballot. It was a response to the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which

has fouled some Panhandle beaches and put the rest of the state's \$61 billion tourism industry under a cloud.

Republicans say the amendment isn't needed because state law already bans drilling and that the issue can wait until 2012. Crist said lawmakers should let voters decide.

Both sides accused the other of playing politics.

Key West Rep. Ron Saunders, who is slated to become the House Democratic leader in November,

said Republicans hate Crist so much they wanted to deprive him of a victory.

"Secondly, I think that they thought that it would increase turnout in November, not just of Democrats, but of people who will vote against Republicans because Republicans are viewed as the party of big oil," Saunders said.

Democrats said Florida needs an amendment that requires voter approval because the House,

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Family still searching



BRIAN LaPETER/Chronicle

Loan Ngu and other relatives return Tuesday to MacRae's of Homosassa after searching near Marker 10 in the Homosassa River for her husband, who is presumed drowned after a scalloping trip on July 11.

Scallop diver disappeared July 11

See Bay News 9 tonight for the latest update about the search for missing snorkeler Vu Thauh Ngu.



CHRIS VAN ORMER
 Chronicle

The family of the man who went missing while scalloping July 11 near Homosassa has not stopped looking for him.

"We're going to keep looking for him as long as his widow wants us to," said John Villanueva, brother-in-law of Vu Thauh Ngu, 37, of Riverview. Ngu disappeared in about 5 feet of choppy water at



John Villanueva brother-in-law said Ngu loved to fish.

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Lawman kept up search for two days



GOOGLE MAPS/Chronicle illustration

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 Chronicle

When the search was called off for the missing snorkeler, one member of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office kept looking.

"Capt. Mike Richie flew the helicopter two additional days," said Heather Yates, spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.

Richie covered many miles beyond Citrus County, according to Yates. He flew as far south as three miles north of Hernando Beach in Hernando County and as far north as Bird Creek and St. Martin's Key in Levy County. Yates said Richie searched west to Marker 4 and east along all islands and shorelines.

The sheriff's office has also put the family in

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Lecanto graduate lands big film role

Will appear in 'Footloose' remake

CHERI HARRIS
 Chronicle

Call it fate, kismet or coming full circle — that's how Miles Teller and two of his biggest fans have described his next Hollywood role.

Paramount Pictures recently announced that the Lecanto High School grad from the class of 2005 will play Willard in a remake of the 1984 hit musical "Footloose."

The lead role of Ren went to newcomer Kenny Wormald and Julianne Hough will be Ariel, with Dennis Quaid in the role of Ariel's father, the Rev. Moore.



Miles Teller will play Willard in the upcoming "Footloose" remake.

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Sheriff's program singled out nationally

Youth curriculum to receive award

CHERI HARRIS
 Chronicle

A program created to help children make wise choices has earned a national award.

An Exemplary Safe Schools Award from the National School Safety Advocacy Council will go to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office on July 27 at the council's national conference in Orlando.

The award is for the curriculum taught in local public schools by school resource officers.

Heather Yates, a sheriff's office spokeswoman, said of about 75 nominations received for the award nationwide, only 14 awards will be given. Of those, seven will go to individuals and seven will go to programs. Of those programs receiving awards from the council, only two are school resource officer programs,

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Key Training Center's Run for the Money 2010 unfunded clients

Note: These people are among the unfunded clients who the Key Training Center supports from proceeds raised during Run for the Money week.



Nico Carriero, 24, is an enthusiastic gentleman who loves to be challenged by new activities and puzzles. He is energetic and craves keeping busy and active. Nico "comes alive" when meeting new people and is animated when expressing himself. He thoroughly enjoys his adventures in new places through the Key Training Center.



Robert Lewis, 47, is always found with a sketchpad by his side, and when work is done at the Key Training Center he puts his talent to good use. Robert is a quiet gentleman who lives with his parents. Among his favorite activities at the Key Center is volunteering at Meals on Wheels.



Ashley Moudis, 23, is a very loving young woman who enjoys being with people. She lights up the room with her smile and enthusiasm for life. Ashley likes music and if she could dance, she would be the first one on the dance floor. She throws kisses to her sisters as they leave in the morning for school communicating her love for them.



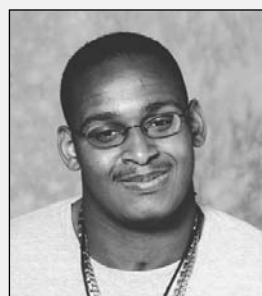
Michael Phillips, 35, can be found working in the Key Training Center Super Thrift Store where he sorts and processes donated clothing for sale. He lives with his parents and loves being with his family, but he looks forward to coming to the Key Center to work and see his friends. Michael loves country music and frequently sings along.



Larry Strouse, 67, likes to volunteer with Home Delivered Meals. He really enjoys delivering the food right to the door and handing it to the recipients. At the Key Training Center, you will find Larry working on contract jobs for local businesses and busily assisting fellow workers and the support staff.



For **Charlene Waldron,** working in the Key Training Center Workshop on contract work for local businesses provides an opportunity to learn new tasks, earn money and socialize with friends. In class, Charlene is learning crafting, cooking, and food handling skills. The Thrift Store is yet another place where she is found working and encouraging her peers.



Dorian Sauls, 27, is new to the Key Center. He works in the workshop in Inverness where he enjoys spending time with friends and doing contract work for ClosetMaid. Dorian lives in his own apartment with the assistance of the Key Center's supported living coaches.

Key runners at Cross City

Taylor Provost
Chronicle

A group of Citrus Road Runners met Lt. Phil Royal in Perry Tuesday morning for the second portion of the 28th annual Key Training Center Run for the Money.

"We had a good group of excited runners to tackle the flat and lonely portion bringing us to the city of Perry," said Royal after completing the first 22 miles of the leg.

Road Runners Chris Moling, Shevella Rogers, Richard Patterson,

Lauren DeCoste and Sgt. Misty Clendenney of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office joined Royal for the morning and evening runs before resting in Cross City, where they will pick up early today.

"We're really looking forward to meeting with folks from the Key on Thursday morning," Royal said.

Those wishing to do so may keep up with runners as they make their way toward Citrus County by visiting the new Run for the Money website, www.runforthemoney.com, which lays out each leg of the journey.

"It seems like I have been running my entire life. I started running cross country and track in high school and haven't stopped yet. I began running for the money when I became a member of the Citrus Road Runners Club. I was inspired by Chet Cole and the more I found out about the Key Center clients and the great work being done at the Key Center, the more I wanted to run. I often wonder where these folks would be if there was no Key Center."



Chris Moling

ROLE

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Willard is the bumpkin with two left feet who gets help with his dance moves from newcomer Ren.

It's a role very familiar to Teller.

In his first high school production in 2003, Lecanto High School drama teacher Beth Bedee thought the role should go to him. Seven years later, Hollywood feels the same way.

"I think it's like he's coming full circle," Bedee said. "You know, back when we did it, he could have played a lot of different parts, but he just really stuck out to me as that character and I guess he stuck out to the casting director out there, too, as that character, and when we put on this production he was one of the crowd favorites."

Teller, 23, said he was very excited about being Willard again.

"I'm happy," he said. "I love Willard; I think he's hilarious. He just moves at his own pace. Obviously he's sort of the comedic relief of the movie, which is good. I enjoy doing comedy and for this it will be more of a character — Southern redneck, a little thick, you know, so I'm going to use an accent and it will be me in there, but I'm going to have to layer it a little bit. He's just a fun role."

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under heavy lobbying from oil interests, last year quickly passed a bill to repeal the existing ban. The Senate, though, declined to take it up during the waning days of the session.

Rep. Dean Cannon, a Winter Park Republican designated to become speaker in November, sponsored the repeal. He said an amendment wasn't needed to stop him from trying again because the BP spill has been "a game changer." He has joined Senate President-designate Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, in promising not to consider it during their two-year terms.

"We are here today because of politics," House Speaker Larry Cretul, R-Ocala, told his chamber. "Simple solutions to produce sound bites, photo-ops and political attacks will do nothing to help Floridians in need recover."

Cretul said Crist's proposal would do nothing to help Floridians who have sustained economic damage from the spill.

Instead, he said that he and Senate President Jeff Atwater, R-North Palm Beach, plan to call another

He describes the opportunity to be in the film as "fate" because a "Footloose" script by Kenny Ortega (whose resume includes directing all three "High School Musical" movies) had been circulating, and some actors were already slated to play major roles, including Zac Efron as Ren, until plans changed and Paramount brought in Craig Brewer to write and direct.

If these delays hadn't occurred, Teller said, he couldn't have been involved because he had been working on the drama "Rabbit Hole" from director John Cameron Mitchell, with Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart.

"It's just too coincidental," Teller said, because it was being Willard in "Footloose" on the Curtis Peterson Auditorium stage that sparked Teller's interest in acting.

"When Ms. Bedee put me in that role," he said, "that's when I thought I could do something with acting and I wanted to pursue it further."

Teller's mother, Merry, calls this unusual sequence of events "kismet" because she said he auditioned for the film two years ago in New York City and nothing came of it.

When she and her husband, Mike, heard the news that her son landed the role of Willard again, she said they were ecstatic.

"We kind of felt like it's meant to be. He's got to be in it," she said. "That's what started it all."

Teller said his parents have always been extremely supportive, encouraging him and allowing him to focus on his studies.

He also credits Bedee's drama program for nurturing his acting dreams, working around his schedule so he could fit in both baseball and rehearsals. He said she also developed a serious drama program, creating an environment in which he felt he and his fellow thespians were creating quality work at a young age.

"I can't thank Beth enough," he said.

Bedee said her former student's success is the result of his talent and hard work. In order to remain in the school's production of "Footloose," she said he

would come in on Saturdays for rehearsals, stay late and do whatever he could to stay in the show.

"It's really nice that he gives me credit because I think he deserves all the credit because I just gave him the vehicle of being in a play."

Before shooting starts for "Footloose," Teller is working on another film known as "Project X," a comedy with director Todd Phillips of "The Hangover" fame. And he went to work on "Rabbit Hole" shortly after he graduated last year with a bachelor's degree in theater from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He moved to California in October.

Teller knows his success is unusual early in his career. He has been able to work on projects he is very passionate about with a va-

riety of very talented people.

"I feel very lucky and excited to be in the position that I'm in," he said. "It's crazy. It's rare that you start

out like this with lead roles."

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Deadline to register to vote Monday

Citrus County Supervisor of Elections Susan Gill has announced that the deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the Aug. 24 primary election is Monday. Anyone who is not registered by that date will be unable to vote in this election. In accordance with Chapter 97.055 F.S., the registration books must be closed on the 29th day before each election and must remain closed until after that election. Voter registration and party changes will be accepted but only for subsequent elections.

People often fail to register to vote because they do not want to be called for jury duty. This law has been changed and jury lists are now selected from driver's license records.

If you have any questions regarding your voter registration status, call the elections office at 341-6740.

Sheriff Dawsy to appear on '10-43'

Tonight's edition of the "Sheriff's 10-43" show will be live, with Sheriff Jeff Dawsy in the studio taking phone calls, answering questions and listening to comments.

The show, on WYKE-channel 16, airs from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To talk to the sheriff on the show, call 527-2341 during the broadcast.

Previous "Sheriff's 10-43" shows can be seen via the sheriff's website at www.sheriffcitrus.org, or at 11 a.m. Fridays on WYKE.

Volunteers add trail improvements

Volunteers have added two new structures along the Withlacoochee State Trail. One is a 14-by-10-foot gazebo with enough room for 10 to 14 people. The gazebo went up last week next to the bridge near the Inverness Trailhead. The other is a small shelter near County Road 481.

Trail Manager Joe Howard said volunteers often use the trails themselves and make suggestions about where improvements should be made.

"A lot of times it's us going out and seeing an area where there's a long span of trail and there's nothing," he said. "They know exactly where some of these amenities need to go."

The structures were paid for with funds raised during the annual Rails to Trails bicycle ride.

Orlando

Anthony judge asking to hear recorded call

The judge in the case of a Florida mother charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter has ordered the state to give him a copy of a



Caylee Anthony

recorded prison call Casey Anthony's attorney had with another inmate.

Chief Judge Belvin

Perry ordered Tuesday that he be allowed to review the recording privately. The recording between inmate Robin Lunceford and Anthony's attorney, Jose Baez, has not been made public.

Baez filed a motion last week asking the conversation be sealed. He argued it was illegally recorded and that Lunceford conspired with inmates to tell lies about his client.

Anthony has pleaded not guilty and says a baby sitter kidnapped her daughter, Caylee. The toddler's remains were found about six months after Anthony said she last saw her daughter alive.

— From staff, wire reports

GOLD STANDARD



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy arranges the medals won by Deputy Cregg Dalton at the 2010 Florida Police & Fire Games, held June 20 to 26, 2010, at Florida Treasure Coast.

Citrus County law enforcement contingent does well at Police & Fire games

SHEMIR WILES
Chronicle

They flexed their muscles. They displayed their endurance.

And they all did it for one reason — to bring home the gold.

In June, a group of Citrus County Sheriff's Office employees and volunteers attended this year's Florida Police & Fire Games on Florida's Treasure Coast.

"It's basically our Olympics," Sgt. Ryan Glaze said.

Glaze, who is this year's big winner, brought home 10 medals from various events ranging from track and field to swimming. He also claimed a silver medal in the Toughest Competitor Alive event and set a new record in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay with three officers from Pembroke Pines Police Department.

The deputy said the games act as an incentive for firefighters and law enforcement officers to stay fit. Staying in shape is a mindset and a



Some of the 2010 winners pictured, from left, Sheriff Dawsy, Sgt. Ryan Glaze, Jannette Spencer, Capt. Joe Eckstein, Diana Plevell, Capt. Jim Cernich, Connie Lloyd, Capt. Doug Dodd, Karen Ketchum and Cregg Dalton.

lifestyle and he believes it comes in handy not only for his career, but for everyday life.

Training for the games is essential, Glaze added. For the Toughest Competitor Alive event, participants must participate in eight different events such as a 100-yard swim, pull-ups, 20-foot rope climb and a 3-mile run. Since he trains for all those events, Glaze said, it is only natural for him to enter the individual

events, as well.

This year's winners are:

Sgt. Ryan Glaze: Gold in 200-yard Freestyle Relay; Gold in 50-yard Backstroke; Gold in 50-yard Butterfly; Gold in 400-meter Run; Gold in Sprint Medley Relay (with Orange County Corrections); Silver in Toughest Competitor Alive; Silver in 25-yard Freestyle; Bronze in 50-yard Freestyle; Bronze in Javelin; and Bronze in 100-meter Dash.

Deputy Cregg Dalton:

Silver in 200-yard Freestyle; Silver in 1,000-meter Cycling Time Trial; Silver in 10-mile Cycling Time Trial; Bronze in 100-yard Freestyle; and Bronze in Triathlon.

Capt. Doug Dodd: Gold in 3-point Basketball Shot; Gold in Singles Tennis; and Bronze in Table Tennis.

Deputy Carlos Valdes-Roig: Gold in Grappling Submission Jujitsu.
Capt. Joe Eckstein: Sil-

ver in Singles Golf.

Capt. Jim Cernich & Capt. Joe Eckstein: Silver in Doubles Golf.

Dep. Jannette Spencer & Diana Plevell (of Corrections Corporation of America): Bronze in Doubles Bowling.

Karen Ketchum (CCSO volunteer): Gold in Inspection.

Connie Lloyd (CCSO volunteer): Silver in Dressage.

Diana Plevell (of CCA): Silver in Singles Bowling.

Bette Rhoads: 'A character of characters'

Snowbird excelled in sports

NANCY KENNEDY
Chronicle

With her trademark hat, sparkly, exotic clothes and glitzy jewelry, you could often find Bette Rhoads holding court at a local Knights of Columbus dance, getting everyone laughing and hooting and hollering.

You knew when Bette Rhoads was in the house.

People who knew her — and everyone knew "Miss Bette" — would start to whisper, "When is she going to do it?"

Then she'd do it.

As the song, "New York, New York" would play, Bette would move to the center of the dance floor.

"She'd take two napkins and swing them around," said her friend Nancy Johnson. "Sometimes she'd lean against the wall and kick her legs in tune with the rhythm and she'd get a standing ovation."

"When she was in her wheelchair, she'd sit there with her legs going up and down and the napkins flying in the air. It was so much fun to watch," Johnson said.

"Bette was famous for it."

Citrus Hills winter resident Elizabeth "Bette" Rhoads died at her summer home in Kennebunk, Maine, May 6. She was 90.

Her father was Dusty Rhoads, a baseball player for the Washington Senators. Following in her father's footsteps, Bette pursued sports, beginning with swimming and diving. By age 8 she was swimming and diving competitively. By age 12 she won her first freestyle and diving competition in Trenton, N.J., her hometown.

In 1938, she was invited to dive from the tower at the New York World's Fair; she also took a screen test for the role of Jane in the Tarzan movies and once swam with Esther Williams.

As a National Junior High Board Championship winner, Bette participated in the Olympic Trials, although she slipped on the diving board and got hurt and couldn't move on to the games.

Bette taught herself to play tennis and eventually became the tennis pro at the

Postscript

Kennebunkport River Club and gave lessons to the children of her friend, Barbara Bush.

When she retired from the club as the pro, Mrs. Bush threw her a surprise retirement party, attended by more than 200 people.

In college, Bette played varsity field hockey and basketball, ran track and excelled at the high jump and swimming.

After a series of teaching jobs at various colleges, Bette spent the bulk of her career as head of the physical education department at the Centenary Junior College for Women in Hacketts Town, N.J.

"She had an amazing life," Johnson said.

Although Johnson doesn't know exactly when Bette started coming to Citrus County as a snowbird, she remembers the impact Bette made.

"The first time I ever met her, it was at an Elks Club

dinner dance and someone said, 'Miss Bette's in the room,'" Johnson said. "They started playing 'New York, New York' and this elderly woman stands in the middle of the dance floor."

"After she sat down I went over to her to tell her how fabulous I thought she was," she said. "I told her, 'You really made my heart pump to see you out there.'"

The night they met, Bette said she was leaving Citrus County the next day for the summer. When she returned in the fall, she called Johnson.

"She was my best friend," Johnson said.

Helen Olesen also met Bette at a dance at the country club in Citrus Hills, one of Bette's favorite haunts.

"She was a character of characters," Olesen said. Herself an entertainer, Bette often brought Bette with her to entertain in local assisted living facilities.

Wherever they went, people would wait eagerly for the napkins to start twirling.

"Everybody loved her zany-ness," Olesen said.



Bette Rhoads

Citrus County snowbird died May 6 at her summer home.

When Bette was in Citrus County, she liked to shop at Ritzzy Rags & Glitzy Jewels in Inverness.

Store owner Andrea Perry recalled how Bette would park herself in the shop's old-fashioned barber chair and the store clerks would bring clothes to her.

"She loved sparkly tops," Perry said. "She was a crusty broad and a 'grand dame.' The girls in the shop all had a good rapport with her. We all miss her terribly."

Bette never married, but she was seldom alone. She loved her friends — and her cats, Gwendolyn and Gwendolyn II.

She loved Bailey's Irish Cream, crab cake sandwiches for lunch at the club, entertaining and hosting elaborate dinner parties, although she was a better hostess than a cook, Olesen said.

"She could also be an awful backseat driver," Olesen said. "One day I blew my top. I stopped the car and told her if she didn't stop she could just get out."

"She was shocked," she said, "but she behaved herself after that. She could be cantankerous, but she was my very good friend."

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Domestic battery arrests

■ **Phillip Peter Forillo**, 62, of 6718 N. Nantucket Way, Dunnellon, at 11:35 p.m. July 13, on a charge of violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence. According to Forillo's arrest report, a 54-year-old Beverly Hills woman said Forillo had been calling her and visited her residence twice. The deputy noted there was a current no contact restraining order in place and that one of the phone calls happened while he was on scene. Forillo reportedly said he had called the woman numerous times over a two-day period and admitted to going to the woman's home on two occasions. No bond.

■ **Melanie Ruth Cole**, 47, of Hemando, at 11:05 p.m. July 13, on charges of felony domestic battery and disorderly conduct. According to Cole's arrest report, Cole struck a 47-year-old Hernando man in the face, causing his upper lip to bleed. Cole was also reportedly being belligerent and using profanity towards hospital personnel while in the emergency room at Citrus Memorial hospital. According to the report, she was told to stop, but continued being disruptive in the hospital. No bond.

■ **Reginald K. Olear**, 37, of Floral City, at 8:20 p.m. July 13, on a charge of felony domestic battery. According to Olear's arrest report, a 42-year-old Floral City woman said Olear struck her on the side of her head with the palm of his hand. Olear reportedly said there was no physical contact between him and the woman. No bond.

DUI arrest

■ **Gerald L. Owens**, 72, of 5514 S. Cast Point, Homosassa, at 7:50 p.m. Saturday on a charge of driving under the influence. According to Owens' arrest report, a deputy stopped Owens

after he pulled his vehicle in front of two vehicles, almost causing a collision. Owens reportedly smelled of alcohol, had slurred speech and had glassy eyes. Owens failed all field sobriety tasks he was asked to perform, the report stated, and his blood alcohol concentrations were .141 percent and .137 percent. The legal limit in Florida is .08 percent. Owens reportedly said he had also taken Lortab and hydrocodone. Bond \$500.

Other arrests

■ **Robert Alan Seamon**, 46, of 10885 W. Palmetto St., Homosassa, at 6:52 p.m. Sunday on an active Citrus County warrant for violations of probation on original charges of possession of cocaine and possession of cannabis (less than 20 grams). No bond.

■ **Christina Marie Knoch**, 39, of 6827 N. Bighorn Point, Hernando, at 2:20 a.m. Monday on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond \$2,500.

■ **Jacob Anthony Detzel**, 30, of 8446 W. Milo Court, Homosassa, at 9:09 a.m. Monday on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. According to Detzel's arrest report, he was released on his own recognizance due to his cooperation.

■ **Justin L. Lopez**, 19, of 512 Spruce St., Inverness, at 11:22 a.m. Monday on charges of burglary of an unoccupied residence and grand theft and a violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Linda Michelle Blalock-neal**, 38, of 10955 E. Flounder Drive, Floral City, at 7:41 p.m. July 13, on a Citrus County warrant for a charge of organized fraud. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Scott Michael Green**, 20, of 1600 N. Croft Ave., Inverness, at 11:22 a.m. Monday on a charge of grand theft and a violation of probation. No bond.

■ **Fred L. Taylor III**, 42, of 1781 W. G. Martinelli Blvd., Dunnellon, at 3:52 p.m. Monday active Marion County warrants for charges of aggravated battery using a deadly weapon, sale/manufacture/deliver or possession with intent to sell cocaine, possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine) and felony criminal mischief. No bond.

■ **Winn J. Anderson**, 46, and **Tina Babloski Anderson**, 48, of 1402 W. Russ St., Lecanto, at 11:28 p.m. Saturday on charges of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and resisting an officer without violence. According to their arrest reports, a man said he was leaving the Andersons' home when they followed him out to his truck and began punching him in the face repeatedly. The deputy noted in his report that blood was pouring from the man's nose. Winn Anderson reportedly admitted that he and Tina Anderson did begin punching the man. The deputy went to arrest Winn Anderson; however, Tina Anderson began grabbing at her husband and shouting, "No, I can't live without him, don't take him away from me." According to the report, Tina Anderson continued to obstruct the deputy while he attempted to place Winn Anderson in handcuffs. Bonds \$5,000 and \$5,500.

■ **Richard Allen Shawl**, 33, of 1004 S. Sunfish Ave., Inverness, at 11:45 a.m. Saturday on charges of burglary (becomes armed with explosive or other dangerous weapon), burglary of an unoccupied residence and dealing in stolen property. Bond \$60,000.

■ **Derrick Glen Buchanan**, 20, of 5051 N. Alabaster Drive, Hernando, at 4:48 p.m. Monday on charges of grand theft and making a false written statement with intent to misled. Bond \$2,250.

■ **Edward James Vasquez**,

ON THE NET

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28, of 2741 N. Lauren St., Lecanto, at 3:05 p.m. Monday on an active Citrus County warrant for a charge of robbery where offender carried no weapon. Bond \$15,000.

■ **Leo Albert Furrell**, 49, of 5541 W. Thomas Court, Homosassa, at 10:14 p.m. Monday on a charge of open carrying of weapons. Bond \$500.

■ **Travis E. Menefee**, 18, of 6216 E. Penrose St., Inverness, at 1:49 a.m. Tuesday on a charge of burglary of an unoccupied conveyance. Bond \$5,000.

■ **Robert Edward Thomas**, 36, of 3436 E. Whirlwind Path, Floral City, at 10:41 a.m. Tuesday on active Citrus County warrant for violations of probation on original charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. No bond.

■ **Robert Thomas Bogosta Jr.**, 25, of 20561 Walnut St., Dunnellon, at 9:10 p.m. July 8, on an active Citrus County warrant for a failure to appear on an original charge of burglary of an unoccupied structure. No bond.

Burglaries

■ An arrest was made for a burglary to an unoccupied residence and a grand theft, which occurred at approximately 10:12 p.m. on July 14 in the 6300 block of W. Seven Rivers Drive, Crystal River.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. on July 14 in

the 3080 block of E. George Street, Inverness.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 10 p.m. on July 14 in the 3800 block of S. Swan Terrace, Homosassa.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at approximately 6:40 p.m. on July 14 in the 4100 block of W. Station Court, Dunnellon.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m. on July 14 in the 8100 block of N. Hillview Circle, Citrus Springs.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on July 13 in the 4600 block of E. Van Ness Road, Hernando.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at approximately midnight on July 13 in the 2200 block of W. Gardenia Drive, Citrus Springs.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 2 p.m. on July 15 in the 5800 block of W. Pine Circle, Crystal River.

■ A burglary to four conveyances and a grand theft occurred at approximately 7 a.m. on June 15 in the 5200 block of W. Glenbrook Point, Homosassa.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at approximately 8 p.m. on July 16 in the 4300 block of S. Owens Trail, Floral City.

■ An arrest was made for a burglary to an occupied conveyance with battery, which occurred at approximately 4 p.m.

on July 16 in the area of S. Harrison Street, Beverly Hills.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 9 p.m. on July 16 in the 1300 block of N. Paul Drive, Inverness.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 11 p.m. on July 16 in the 8400 block of N. Vince Drive, Citrus Springs.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. on July 16 in the 4400 block of N. Lake Vista Trail, Hernando.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred at approximately 11 p.m. on July 17 in the 600 block of E. Vine Street, Inverness.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 10:29 a.m. on July 18 in the 1100 block of N. Rice Terrace, Crystal River.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m. on July 14 in the 1500 block of W. Olympia Street, Hernando.

■ A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at approximately midnight on July 4 in the 1400 block of Carl Street, Inverness.

■ A burglary to a conveyance occurred at approximately 2 p.m. on July 18 in the 12000 block of S. Turner Avenue, Floral City.

Thefts

■ A petit theft occurred at approximately 4 p.m. on July 9 in the 500 block of S. Monroe Street, Beverly Hills.

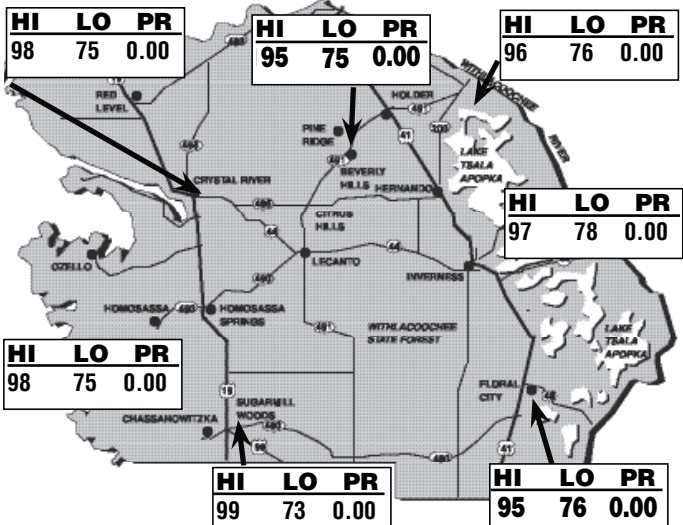
■ A grand theft occurred at approximately 8:45 p.m. on July 10 in the 700 block of Southeast U.S. 19, Crystal River.

■ A retail petit theft occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. on July 14 in the 1600 block of U.S. 41 North, Inverness.

■ A petit theft occurred sometime in the 9500 block of E. Sandpiper Road, Inverness.

■ A petit theft occurred at approximately 6 p.m. on July 14 in the 1200 block of Rutgers Terrace, Inverness.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	93	74	pc	Miami	91	82	pc
Ft. Lauderdale	91	83	pc	Ocala	96	73	pc
Fort Myers	96	77	pc	Orlando	96	74	pc
Gainesville	96	71	pc	Pensacola	93	78	pc
Homestead	90	82	pc	Sarasota	95	77	pc
Jacksonville	96	73	pc	Tallahassee	96	74	pc
Key West	90	81	ts	Tampa	96	80	pc
Lakeland	97	76	pc	Vero Beach	92	77	pc
Melbourne	92	78	pc	W. Palm Bch.	90	81	pc

MARINE OUTLOOK

East winds from 10-15 knots. Seas 2-3 feet. Bay and inland waters will be choppy. Skies will be partly cloudy today.

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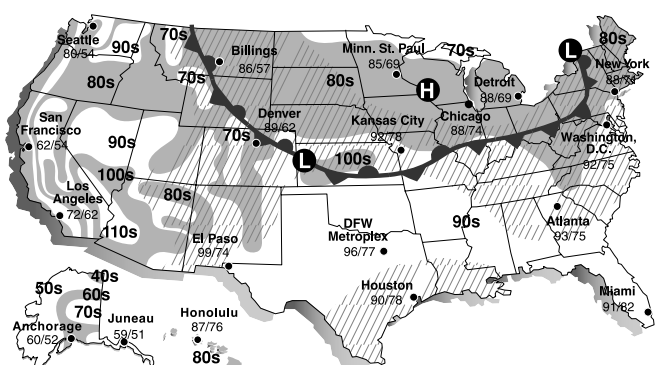
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LAKE LEVELS

Location	Mon.	Tues.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.70	28.71	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.77	37.75	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	39.22	29.20	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.47	39.44	42.40

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.

THE NATION



FORECAST FOR 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY

City	Tuesday			Wednesday		
	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Pcp.
Albany	87	65	na	ts	84	65
Albuquerque	99	73	ts	92	68	
Asheville	88	66	.03	ts	88	69
Atlanta	90	75	ts	93	75	
Atlantic City	91	75	ts	88	73	
Austin	93	73	ts	98	75	
Baltimore	92	75	ts	92	71	
Billings	77	55	ts	86	57	
Birmingham	96	75	.01	ts	97	77
Boise	91	56	s	88	55	
Boston	80	73	ts	81	70	
Buffalo	82	67	ts	80	65	
Burlington, VT	81	62	ts	83	65	
Charleston, SC	93	79	.73	pc	91	77
Charleston, WV	88	70	.46	ts	88	71
Charlotte	96	74	ts	96	73	
Chicago	86	68	pc	88	74	
Cincinnati	86	71	.01	ts	85	72
Cleveland	85	68	.01	pc	84	66
Columbia, SC	97	78	ts	97	75	
Columbus, OH	85	72	.01	ts	84	68
Concord, N.H.	81	62	ts	87	64	
Dallas	96	78	pc	96	77	
Denver	78	60	ts	89	82	
Des Moines	85	71	.16	ts	86	72
Detroit	82	65	1.28	pc	88	69
El Paso	98	75	pc	99	74	
Evansville, IN	88	70	.08	ts	95	75
Harrisburg	83	69	.28	ts	87	69
Hartford	88	72	ts	85	68	
Houston	92	77	.02	ts	90	78
Indianapolis	81	69	.55	ts	87	72
Jackson	92	72	pc	96	74	
Las Vegas	109	91	s	108	88	
Little Rock	95	78	pc	97	76	
Los Angeles	70	64	s	72	62	
Louisville	91	72	1.01	ts	90	77
Memphis	92	77	ts	97	78	
Milwaukee	81	68	s	82	71	
Minneapolis	85	65	s	85	69	
Mobile	93	74	pc	94	72	
Montgomery	94	73	pc	98	75	
Nashville	91	74	ts	96	74	
New Orleans	92	77	ts	93	79	
New York City	87	74	ts	88	71	
Norfolk	97	76	ts	99	78	
Oklahoma City	97	75	pc	95	76	
Omaha	83	70	1.03	ts	85	71
Palm Springs	108	84	pc	109	80	
Philadelphia	86	75	ts	90	72	
Phoenix	108	87	.04	pc	109	89
Pittsburgh	82	68	.23	ts	84	65
Portland, ME	79	65	ts	82	65	
Portland, Ore	66	54	.01	s	82	58
Providence, R.I.	87	71	ts	85	71	
Raleigh	97	75	.02	ts	97	74
Rapid City	79	56	ts	80	61	
Reno	95	63	s	95	60	
Rochester, NY	82	65	ts	80	65	
Sacramento	86	56	s	92	58	
St. Louis	90	71	1.57	ts	93	77
St. Ste. Marie	79	58	.02	pc	77	57
Salt Lake City	91	65	ts	97	70	
San Antonio	91	78	ts	93	76	
San Diego	67	63	pc	69	63	
San Francisco	68	55	s	62	54	
Savannah	94	78	trace	pc	94	77
Seattle	67	52	pc	80	57	
Spokane	82	58	pc	87	60	
Syracuse	84	68	ts	84	65	
Topeka	95	81	ts	96	77	
Washington	92	75	ts	92	75	

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 111 Needles, Calif. LOW 29 Stanley, Idaho

WORLD CITIES

	WEDNESDAY CITY H/L/SKY	Temp	WEDNESDAY	Temp
Lisbon	80/55/pc	78/62/sh		
London	88/68/pc	73/55/sh		
Madrid	87/75/ts	87/62/pc		
Mexico City	89/75/pc	84/61/pc		
Montreal	93/75/s	78/65/pc		
Moscow	87/73/pc	87/64/sh		
Paris	91/69/s	75/60/sh		
Rio	86/78/pc	83/65/s		
Rome	94/71/s	89/68/pc		
Sydney	75/54/pc	60/44/sh		
Tokyo	92/75/s	89/79/pc		
Toronto	86/79/pc	80/66/pc		
Warsaw	89/68/s	86/66/pc		

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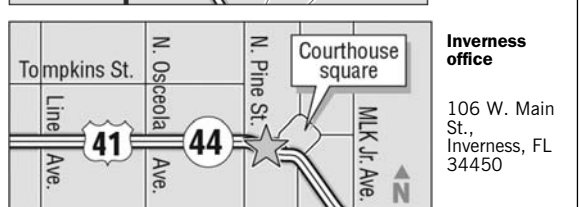
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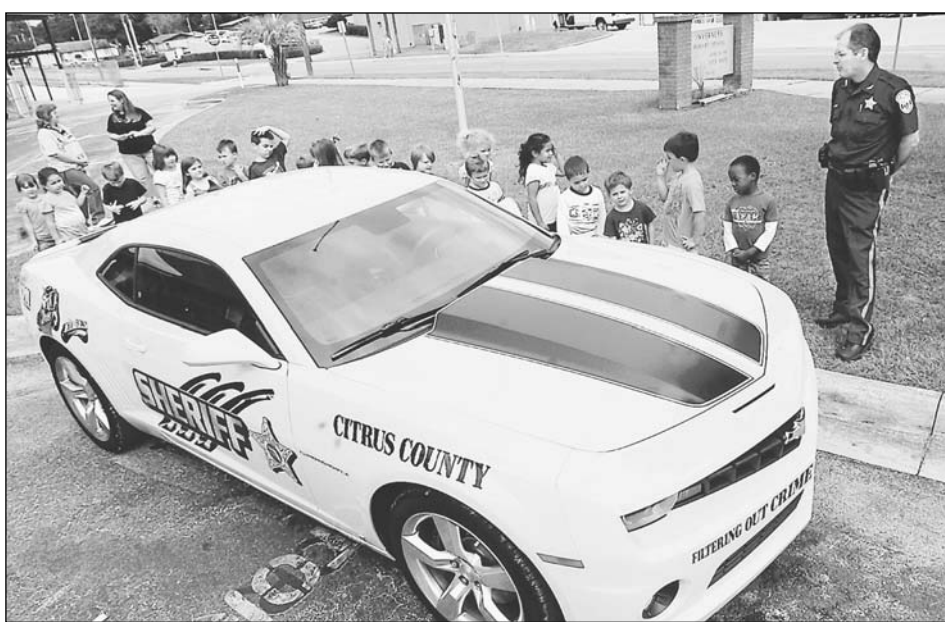
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The Citrus County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer program will receive an Exemplary Safe Schools Award in Orlando later this month by the national School Safety Advocacy Council. Deputy Tim Langer, right, has been the SRO at the Inverness Primary School for years. Above, he gives a tour of the department's FOCUS car to pre-kindergarten students last school year.

AWARD

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and Yates said the SRO program in Citrus County is the only one in Florida getting this award.

Lt. Dave DeCarlo, supervisor of the local SRO unit, said he learned about the award about a month ago. The SRO program was also honored as a Model SRO Agency in 2005 by the National Association of School Resource Officers.

"It's a great honor," he said, "especially to be recognized now, to be nationally recognized for our SRO program."

Dave Stephens, director of risk management and employee relations for Citrus County Schools, said "We have the highest quality SRO program in the state of Florida without a doubt."

He said school resource officers do an excellent job and start at a young age to make sure students stay safe and make good choices in life, setting a good example without being mean or intimidating so students realize the officers are there to help.

DeCarlo said school resource officers teach classes beginning in first grade with Junior Focus, which covers topics such as household safety. In third grade, students learn more about personal safety, cyber safety and child lures.

In fifth grade, the Focus program, which DeCarlo said stands for "Filtering Out Crime United with Students," deals with issues such as consequences, gangs, drugs and alcohol. SROs teach seventh-graders about knowing the law.

Last school year, DeCarlo said a pilot program for ninth-

graders known as "Choices" was launched and it will be presented in all three high schools in the coming school year. Students will learn more about cyber safety, social networking sites, drug prevention, alcohol awareness, gangs, crimes and consequences.

Deputy Chris Ball of Crystal River High School, Deputy Craig Fass of Lecanto High School and Deputy Dave Vincent of Citrus High School worked together to develop the ninth-grade curriculum, DeCarlo said.

He also praised all of the law enforcement officers who work in local schools.

"It's a great bunch of deputies that have nothing but the best interests of the students," he said, "and they just want to represent the agency as best as possible and they do a phenomenal job. All the SROs do a phenomenal job."

SEARCH

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Marker 10 as family members on a rented pontoon boat tried in vain to save him.

"I miss my husband," said Loan, Ngu's wife and mother of his 3-year-old son, Xavier. "If people can help, please find my husband."

Villanueva said this has been very hard on her. "He did everything for her. It's a big burden for her."

Villanueva, his wife, who is Ngu's sister, Loan Ngu and Ngu's father searched Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This was one of several searches they have done and continue to do each day, driving from Riverview and Bradenton to scour the river and Gulf for answers to Ngu's disappearance.

Ngu grew up in the United States and traveled to Vietnam for a visit, where he married his wife and brought her to Florida. They owned a nail salon in Seffner.

Ngu loved fishing.

"He and his wife worked hard six days a week, so on their day off they could go fishing," Villanueva said.

Ngu actually was the only avid fisherman in the family. "He brought us out here scalloping. The rest of us don't like fishing that much, but we like being together as a family," Villanueva said.

Ngu had his wife and son with him that day. Villanueva was with his wife and their three children, ages 5, 3 and 1. And they brought along a cousin from Texas and a family friend.

The family has had quite a few fishing expeditions together, but this scalloping trip on July 11 was the first time they had gone to Homosassa.

"We've gone out the last two weeks looking for him," Villanueva said. "It's amazing how shallow the water is everywhere except where we went scalloping. If we had known, we would have steered clear of it."

Not only was the water deeper than it appeared, but it was choppy as a storm approached.

The family rented a pon-

toon boat. According to witnesses, Ngu was in the water with a safety line.

"A safety line is a good idea, but is not required by law," said Karen Parker, spokeswoman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Ngu was wearing a snorkel, but not a life vest because he was looking for scallops. Recreational harvesting of mollusks from seagrass beds requires the person to dive. A person looking for scallops would not be able to dive deep enough to find them if he or she were wearing a life vest.

Parker said a diver down flag should be displayed when someone is snorkeling. She also said that according to state regulations, any business that rents boats must provide instruction on local waterway characteristics. Few restrictions apply to people renting a boat, other than renters younger than 21 being required to have a boater education certificate.

The family's guide, Capt. Jeff Beeler, said the search

would continue this week, with help from divers on Thursday.

"He may have rolled into a cave or he could be lost at

sea," Beeler said. "But he should have surfaced by now."

Villanueva said he did not know if they would find any

trace of his brother-in-law.

"But searching is part of the healing process," he said. "I hope everyone will keep an eye out."

LAWMAN

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touch with a victim's advocate to help them deal with their grief.

John Villanueva, the brother-in-law of Vu Thauh Ngu, who disappeared in Gulf waters during a July 11 scalloping trip, said the sheriff's office has kept in constant contact with him and other members of his family.

With this time of year being the height of the scallop season, Yates noted the great presence of people on the waterways could help discover the fate of the scalloper. "There are boaters everywhere," Yates said.

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Obituaries

Cayla Barnes, 20 months DUNNELLON

Cayla Alexis Barnes, age 1 year and 8 months, of Dunnellon, FL, died on Sunday, July 18, 2010, at Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center in Crystal River, FL. She was born November 7, 2008, in Inverness, FL. She is survived by her parents Sean and Jessica Barnes; paternal grandparents, Jonathan Barnes, Lisa and Wendell Leigh Sr.; paternal great-grandparents, Charles and Linda Barnes, Sarah Lyons, Sandra Pearce and Daniel Hutchinson; maternal grandmother, Barb Fletcher; maternal great-grandparents, John and Sharon Harms; aunts, Heather Zaph (Chad), Susan Fletcher (Justin) and Lora Brown; and numerous cousins and other loving extended family. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jeff Fletcher.



Cayla Barnes

The funeral service will be conducted on Thursday July 22, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gulf to Lake Church in Crystal River, FL, with the Rev. Lloyd Bertine officiating. Interment will follow at the Fero Memorial Gardens in Beverly Hills, FL. For those who wish, a memorial contribution may be made to the Citrus County Education Foundation the Dolly Parton Imagination Library C/O Imagination Library Coordinator 1007 W. Main St. Inverness, FL 34450. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Francis 'Buddy' Fitch, 91 INVERNESS

Francis Paul "Buddy" Fitch, 91, Inverness, died on Sunday, July 18, 2010, at Citrus Memorial hospital. Francis was born on October 28, 1918, in Dunmore, PA, the son of John and Mae Fitch. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Mr. Fitch was a graduate of Academy of Aeronautics. He retired as a certified aircraft mechanic from Grumman Aerospace. Francis moved to Inverness from Huntington, Long Island, in 1978. He was Catholic, and a member of the Inverness Elks. Francis was instrumental in the formation of the Citrus Watercolor Society and was also a member of the Florida Watercolor Society.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Vera. Survivors include stepdaughters, Penny Martishius of Virginia Beach, VA, MaryJo Morgan of Castle Rock, CO; sisters, Dorothy Mullen of PA and Mary Olsewski of CA; step-grandchildren, Laura Doty of VA, Jason LaRoque of OH, LeighEllen Skinner of FL, Jennifer Miller of TX, Katrina Harding of FL, Teresa Miller of FL and James Morgan of Japan; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Mr. Fitch will be Thursday, July 22, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Heinz Funeral Home. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Father Charles Leke will preside. Interment at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell will follow. Arrangements under the direction of Heinz Funeral Home & Cremation, Inverness, FL. Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.



Vincent Grissino, 83 BEVERLY HILLS

Vincent C. Grissino, 83, of Beverly Hills, FL, died Monday, July 19, 2010, in Ocala, FL. Born July 16, 1927, in New York City, NY, to the late Diomedes and Anna (Borelli) Grissino and moved to Beverly Hills 13 years ago from Staten Is-

land, NY. Vincent was a retired sales representative for Alitalia Airlines of New York and attended the University of Georgia in Athens, GA. He enjoyed traveling, was a member of the Richmond County Model Airplane Club of Staten Island and was an artist. Vincent was a Coast Guard Veteran of WWII.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Mary Marotti and Gloria Ballard.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Anna Grissino of Beverly Hills; daughter, Vivian Venus Worthington of Beverly Hills; granddaughter, Alanna Eve Worthington of Beverly Hills; and 6 brothers, Armando, Victor, Anthony, Henry and Lenny.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2010, at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Fero Funeral Home, Beverly Hills, FL. www.ferofuneralhome.com.

Patricia Ratley, 78 DUBLIN, GA

Patricia Ratley, age 78, of Dublin, GA, formerly of Crystal River, FL, died on



Patricia Ratley

Monday July 19, 2010, at the Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, GA. Born March 17, 1932, in Yellow Springs, OH, to Robert and Juanita (Mikesell) Drake. She moved to Dublin 12 years ago from Crystal River, FL, where she had resided for 35 years. She was a homemaker and was of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewie Ratley, and 2 sisters, Doris Piatt and Betty Merchant. Survivors include her sons, Lewie Ratley of Walnut Cove, NC, Storm Ratley, Dublin, GA, and Blu Shane Ratley of Sandersville, GA; daughters, Cheri Lolly (Charley) and Windy Stanton (Wes), all of Crystal River, FL, Debra Chapman (James) of Dublin, GA, and Yvonne Sanders (Alan) of Cadwell, GA; brothers, Bobby Drake of Defuniak Springs, FL, and Jimmy Drake of Hogansville, GA; sisters, Lois King of Vero Beach, FL, MaryAnn Meredith of Panama City, FL, Suzie Stansell of NC and Dolly Drake of Frisco, TX; 15 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Friday July 23, 2010, from 6 to 8:00 p.m. from the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River, FL, where a funeral service will be held on Saturday July 24, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Stage Stand Cemetery in Homosassa, FL.

Sign the guest book at www.chronicleonline.com.

Death ELSEWHERE

Fred Carter Jr.

STUDIO MUSICIAN
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Fred Carter Jr., a longtime Nashville studio musician and father of country musician Deana Carter, has died. He was 76.

He died of complications from a stroke Saturday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Tennessee, according to an obituary and funeral arrangements released Monday by a public relations firm.

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Lifesaving mailman



Associated Press

Ohio letter carrier Keith McVey fills his van last Friday with the day's mail to be delivered in Akron, Ohio. The veteran mailman has gained a reputation for three times delivering people from life-threatening situations while on the job delivering mail. Last week he gave CPR to a man along his Akron route who wasn't breathing and whose lips were turning blue.

Heroic letter carrier saves 3 lives while on the job

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — The mailman finished his afternoon deliveries in an unassuming way, betraying no sign that anything out of the ordinary had occurred save for the blood on his uniform and the cut on his lip. Back at the post office, his actions were greeted with cries of disbelief: "Did you hear? Keith saved another life today."

Such is a day in the life of Keith McVey, the postal worker with the bronzed skin and the alert blue eyes who can't walk down the street without being honked at by passing cars filled with his admirers — or, apparently, without saving a life.

"He's a rock star in our eyes," says Tina Starosto, a receptionist at King Apartments, where a sign declaring "Keith Our Hero" is prominently tacked to the office wall.

Over the years, McVey, 53, has helped saved three people while on his mail route, earning a reputation as the humble superhero of this small neighborhood near a lake. Last week, he threw aside his bundle of mail to perform CPR on an unconscious man on the side of the road. Two years ago, he pulled a drowning girl from the lake. And nearly 20 years ago, when a teenager tried to take his life by jumping off a bridge on a snowy winter day, McVey, unable to stop him from jumping, covered the teen with blankets and helped keep him alive until an ambulance arrived.

McVey was embarrassed about displaying the many awards and newspaper clippings that showcase his acts of derring-do for fear of, as he put it, "tooting my own horn."

It usually starts, as most feats of heroism do, with a cry for help.

Last week, it came from the back of a pickup. A panicked man was trying to revive his unconscious friend.

"He said his buddy was-

n't breathing," explains McVey. "I thought, well, let's see what's going on. Sometimes you just have to act."

McVey, who is trained in CPR but had never actually performed it on anyone before, began chest compressions while another bystander checked the man's wrist for a pulse. They worked on him for several minutes as a crowd began to form around them. Seconds slowed into minutes, but McVey knew he had to keep going until the ambulance arrived.

"Pretty soon the woman said, 'I've got a pulse, I've got a pulse,'" he remembers, smiling. "And shortly after that, he started breathing on his own."

The man he saved was taken to a hospital and later recovered. He told police he did not want his name released to the media.

McVey's legend around town grew.

"Another carrier came in and really nonchalantly said, 'Keith saved another life,'" says his co-worker, Memory Valentine. "And I got up and walked outside, and I saw he had what looked like blood on his shirt and a mark on his lip. And I said, 'Keith, what happened?'"

But performing CPR was a simple affair compared to McVey's harrowing experience in the lake two summers ago. On a hot afternoon, he was depositing mail in metal boxes along the shore when the screams began. This time, they were coming from a 13-year-old girl, who was flailing in the water about 70 feet from the lake's edge.

Then, to his horror, she disappeared beneath the surface.

"I screamed at her, 'Hold on, hold on, I'm coming,'" he says, "to give

her a little strength to try and stay above the water."

He kicked off his heavy leather shoes, threw his mailbag to the ground and dove in while the girl's baby sitter and younger sister screamed and sobbed.

McVey is not a trained lifeguard, nor is he a particularly talented swimmer. When he reached the girl, she grabbed hold of him and immediately pulled him underwater.

"At that point I thought, this is a little dicey," he says. "But I pried her off me, sent her up to the top as best I could, and she grabbed onto me again."

It was like that the whole way in: McVey would be dragged down by the frightened girl, then come up for a breath of air. He swam the backstroke, stopping every few moments to feel for the lake bottom with his foot.

"It wasn't textbook lifesaving, but it was enough to get the job done," he says.

Having handed the girl over to paramedics, the postman squeezed the water out of his socks, slipped on his shoes and hauled his mail sack over his shoulder once again, still in his wet clothes.

"I mean, he went on with his mail-carrying job, soak-

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EPA takes new look at gas drilling, water issues

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — So vast is the wealth of natural gas locked into dense rock deep beneath Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Ohio that some geologists estimate it's enough to supply the entire East Coast for 50 years.

But freeing it requires a powerful drilling process called hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," using millions of gallons of water brewed with toxic chemicals, that some fear could pollute water above and below ground and deplete aquifers.

As gas drillers swarm to this lucrative Marcellus Shale region and blast into other shale reserves around the country, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking a new look at the controversial fracking technique, currently exempt from federal regulation. The \$1.9 million study comes as the nation reels from the Deepwater Horizon environmental and economic disaster playing out in the Gulf of Mexico.

The oil and gas industry steadfastly defends the process as having been proven safe over many years, as well as necessary to keep the nation on a path to energy independence.

Studies have "consistently shown that the risks are managed, it's safe, it's a technology that's essential ... it's also a technology that's well-regulated," said Lee Fuller, director of the industry coalition Energy In Depth.

"A fair study," Fuller added, "will show that the procedures that are there now are highly effective and do not need to be altered — the federal government does not need to be there."

But because of the oil disaster, conservation groups say the drilling industry has lost its credibility and the rapid expansion of shale drilling needs to be scrutinized.

"People no longer trust the oil and gas industry to say, 'Trust us, we're not cutting corners,'" said Cathy Carlson, a policy adviser for Earthworks, which supports federal regulation and a moratorium on fracking in the Marcellus Shale.

Just six years ago, an EPA study declared the fracking process posed "little or no threat to underground sources of drinking water" and with that blessing, Congress a year later exempted hydraulic fracturing from federal regulation.

Now the agency, prodded

by Congress even before the Gulf disaster and stung by criticism that its 2004 study was scientifically flawed and maybe politically tainted, will bring the issues to the heart of the land-lease rush in the Marcellus Shale: Canonsburg, Pa., on Thursday and Binghamton, N.Y., on August 12.

EPA hearings earlier this month in Fort Worth, Texas, and Denver focused on issues including drilling in the Barnett Shale of Texas, and in Colorado and Wyoming, which have experienced similar natural gas booms. Natural gas is also being recovered from the Haynesville Shale in north Louisiana, the Fayetteville Shale in northern Arkansas and Woodford Shale in southern Oklahoma.

Advancements in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology in the late 1990s significantly increased the yield and economic viability of tapping shale gas wells and led to the current natural gas boom, starting in Texas with the Barnett Shale. Fracking is now considered the key to unlocking huge, untapped natural gas reserves across the United States at a time when natural gas is emerging as a greener energy alternative to coal or oil.

The Marcellus Shale is 10 times the size of the Barnett, spanning 50,000 square miles compared with the 5,000-square-mile Barnett. It is also three times thicker than the Barnett at up to 900 feet, and is estimated to have a potential yield of 10 times as much gas (500 trillion cubic feet versus 50 trillion cubic feet).

At stake in the debate about how best to manage and regulate this enormous new natural resource is not just the safety of water supplies but also thousands of jobs, profits for the gas drilling and delivery industry and a bonanza of royalties for landowners.

"We've got to get it right," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., a sponsor of the so-called FRAC Act, which would repeal the 2005 exemption and require regulation of fracking by the EPA under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

"We allowed coal over many, many decades to be an industry that was so unregulated that it was allowed to do virtually whatever it wanted, and now we have numerous environmentally adverse impacts," he said.

Though the drilling rush into Pennsylvania is barely two years old, more than 3,500 permits have been is-

sued and about 1,500 wells drilled, with thousands more expected. Environmental problems are already bubbling up: methane leaks contaminating private water wells, major spillage of diesel and fracking chemicals above ground, and fish kill in a creek.

A well blowout in north central Pennsylvania last month spewed natural gas and toxic fracking water out of control for 16 hours. State regulators found EOG Resources Inc. of Houston had failed to install a proper blowout prevention system — taking cost shortcuts. The state fined EOG Resources and a contractor more than \$400,000.

A wary New York state has had a virtual moratorium on drilling permits for the Marcellus Shale region for two years while it completes an environmental review.

Fear of water pollution is so high that a sweet spot of the Marcellus Shale — the

Halliburton's Gains from Gas

Halliburton is getting a big boost from natural gas.

The company said Monday that its second-quarter profit rose 83 percent, as natural gas drilling activity picked up in the U.S.

The Houston energy giant reported net income of \$480 million, or 53 cents per share, up from \$262 million, or 29 cents per share, a year ago.

Halliburton is the first of several companies connected to the Gulf oil spill to report AP

quarterly financial results. The company, which was hired by BP to seal the Macondo well before it blew up, has seen its stock tumble 12.4 percent since the April 20 explosion.

Executives said the U.S. ban on deepwater exploration will cut into company profits. But Halliburton has been able to boost earnings through its land-based business, particularly operations involving horizontal drilling of shale gas deposits.

CompanySpotlight

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Monday's close:	\$29.17
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\$21.10	35.22
Price-to-earnings ratio:	25.0
Industry P/E:	34.6
Based on past 12 months results	
Dividend:	\$0.36
Div. Yield:	1.23%
Total return Year to date:	-7.98%
1 year:	29.45
15 years:	8.88

SOURCES: Morningstar; Thomson Reuters

Delaware River watershed in southern New York and northeastern Pennsylvania that provides drinking water for 17 million people from Philadelphia to New York City — is virtually off-limits to drilling for now.

The industry says there is no evidence that fracking chemicals — some of them suspected human carcinogens — contaminate drink-

ing water, wells or aquifers once blasted deep underground.

EPA summarized numerous reports of "water quality incidents" in residential wells, homes or streams in Alabama, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming but said there was inconclusive evidence linking the incidents to fracking.

The EPA, in a statement to The Associated Press, did not criticize its previous study. But given the rapid expansion of the industry and "serious concerns" about the impact of hydraulic fracturing, the agency said it concluded it was necessary to conduct a peer-reviewed study that draws upon best available science, independent experts and the public.

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Stocks struggle higher in choppy trade; Dow up 75

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors are trying to get a read on the economy using earnings reports. They're finding it's not so easy.

The result Tuesday was yet another erratic day of stock trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75 points after having fallen 140 in early trading in response to a series of disappointing revenue reports.

Analysts said some investors were getting a little more upbeat as they awaited earnings reports from Yahoo Inc. and Apple Inc. after the close.

Investors have been quick to sell on even a whiff of bad news. Early Tuesday, they were motivated by the reports from IBM, J&J and Goldman. Investors have been focusing on revenue

Market watch

Table showing market indices: Dow Jones Industrials (+75.53), Nasdaq composite (+24.26), Standard & Poor's 500 (+12.23), Russell 2000 (+11.16), NYSE diary (Advanced: 2,477, Declined: 560, Unchanged: 85), and Nasdaq diary (Advanced: 1,843, Declined: 747, Unchanged: 122).

SOURCE: SunGard AP

Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. Their revenue fell not because of a weak economy, but because their customers decided to avoid the financial markets' turbulence during the spring.

Some analysts said there were technical factors involved in the market's moves. "Investors may have been anticipating the market heading back to early July lows so when it didn't fall apart in early trading, they slowly came back in," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at RDM Financial Group in Westport, Conn.

Those investors were looking at charts that track the movements of indicators including the Standard & Poor's 500. When the S&P reaches, or doesn't reach, a specific level, that can prompt investors to buy or sell.

It was hard to predict what turn trading might take Wednesday. Yahoo and Apple are considered indicators of the overall economy, but their mixed results weren't giving investors a clear-cut direction for stocks.

The Dow rose 75.53, or 0.7 percent, to 10,229.96. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.23, or 1.1 percent, to 1,083.48 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 24.26, or 1.1 percent, to 2,222.49.

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CHECK THEM OUT

Don't cut corners when hiring workers

High unemployment rates often give rise to a hidden problem that many don't realize they have until they become victims.

As of June 2010, unemployment rates in the area included: Citrus County, 11.8 percent; Hernando County, 13.1 percent; and Pasco County, 12.2 percent. All of these counties have historically relied heavily on the construction industry, which is now struggling. Directly and indirectly, the loss of construction jobs has been a significant contributor to the local unemployment picture.

Contractors and construction laborers who once worked under licensed companies are now out of work and looking for a way to bring in money, so they offer their services for cut-rate prices.

Problems arise when the work is performed in substandard fashion, without permits and without proper licenses. Usually, these laborers do not have insurance.

What this means for customers is that they are responsible to pay for the medical bills of workers hurt on their property. Additionally, if the work is substandard, they have no leverage or limited avenues

to enforce the repairs. Homeowners may also be subjected to fines in certain cases.

The county's Development Services Department warns residents to make sure anyone they hire to work for them has a valid contractor's license. Residents can check on licenses and complaints with the county Building Division in Lecanto.

Another concern is the use of unlicensed contractors when there are legitimate contractors in need of work — businesspeople who have earned their license, who obtained permits, paid their taxes and carry insurance. It costs time and money to do things the right way. Using someone who does not do things the right way hurts others and can hurt the person who has hired them.

THE ISSUE:

Watch for unlicensed contractors.

OUR OPINION:

Using unlicensed contractors is dangerous business.

Okay, we made a mistake

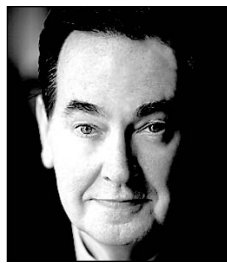
The latest Washington Post/ABC News Poll tells the story: Nearly six in 10 voters say they have "just some" or no confidence in President Obama to make the right decisions for the country.

America — or at least the part of it that voted for Barack Obama for president — has made a big mistake. Some of those teary-eyed people in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood on Election Night 2008 would probably admit it if they were interviewed. Many bumper stickers still display fading "Obama '08" stickers, but you'd find fewer that read, "Yes We Can!"

There is no shame in making a mistake. Everybody makes plenty in a lifetime, even in elections. Politicians are good at sounding good. The minority party promises to be more honest and ethical than the majority and then when it has gained the trust of people fed up with too much dishonesty and too little ethics, it becomes like the party it replaced.

The mistake made by those who voted for Obama, thinking it would be different with him, is their belief that it would be different with him. A politician is a politician. You could change the color, the gender, even the party, and you are still left with a politician. That is not necessarily an evil thing. We must have politicians, I suppose, but like the metaphorical crazy aunt who is kept in the attic, a politician should be kept in his or her place, lest the house become chaotic.

The taxing and regulating has



Cal Thomas
OTHER VOICES

only just begun. The Obama people are not intrinsically evil. Like someone caught up in a cult, they sincerely believe in the fiction they are peddling: more taxes will produce a healthier economy; the record debt is not a problem; more regulation will result in banks and big businesses operating ethically and for the greater good of their customers and the country; nationalized health care will mean better care for the sick; unrestricted abortion and same-sex marriage are fine; unenforced immigration laws are good because Democrats need to import votes and Republicans want cheap labor.

If America's wrong course is to be righted, Republicans and conservatives must offer something different from the last time they held power. That should begin with a history lesson. What did the founders and their constitutionalist descendants believe would produce the best results for a people united around certain commonly held principles? What was the result when those principles were applied (or not applied) in our national life and in individual lives?

The problem today is that fewer of those principles are commonly held, because they are not taught in public schools and universities, or reinforced by the media from which we get too much of our information and too little truth.

America is about opportunity, not guaranteed outcomes. If someone lacks opportunity, the goal should be to clear obstacles

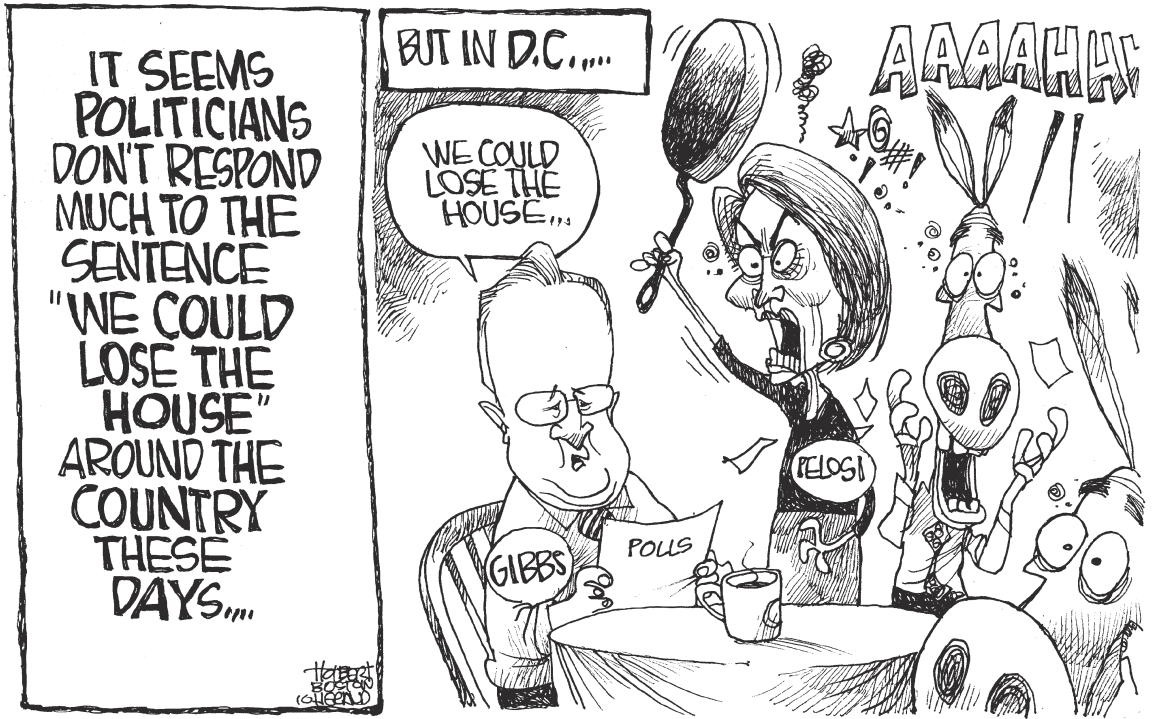
that block opportunity. Motivation is something else. No one can be taught motivation. That's up to each individual.

On taxes, there is plenty of evidence concerning how our economy responds when taxes are high and when they are low. Why are we allowing the politicians to seize ever-larger amounts of the money we make and misspend it as they do?

Republicans and conservatives are going to have to do more than argue their familiar ideological positions this November and again in two years. They must show their ideas work. To do this, they can adopt some of the Democrats' theatrics. Democrats love to parade legions of the aggrieved and deprived. Republicans should start their own parade, headed in the opposite direction. People who encountered difficult circumstances, but overcame them by practicing Republican and conservative principles, would populate a GOP parade.

Again, it is no shame to make a mistake. It is shameful to repeat it. The liberal wing of the Democratic Party is dismantling the America we have known and loved and transforming it into something it has never been: a socialist state. If we let them do it, there will be no forgiveness, no excuse and no going back. And our shame will be an indelible stain for which future generations will judge us.

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This call is in regards to volunteers and the jobs in this town. No wonder there are no jobs in town. All these businesses want people to volunteer their time to do jobs that our children could have here. My son just had to go out of town to get a job. Fortunately, I won't be buying anything in town. I will be going out of town, too, just for the fact of the matter.

Hunt for deals

This is in regards to "Money spent elsewhere." If people would shop around in this county and quit knocking the county for what they do do, then you would soon find out that you can pay \$2.51 a gallon here also at Walmart in Inverness and elsewhere throughout the county.

I lived in Spring Hill. The gas is just as expensive there. Each gas station pays a certain amount for gas for a certain amount of profit margin with a certain amount of markup. Pay attention to what you're doing.

Guilt by association

I was reading "Don't ignore primary," by Robert Hagaman in Saturday morning's paper (July 17) and I agree with him that we need to get out and vote. But the bad thing about voting in the primary is, you have to list yourself as either Democrat or Republican, and I would be ashamed to be associated with either one.

Budget blame

In reference to Sheriff Dawsy's budget: Don't blame Sheriff Dawsy for his budget; blame the county commissioners, who approved his budget.

And don't forget, they're running for re-election. If Sheriff

Dawsy wants to get some of his money back, why doesn't he auction off some of his toys that we really don't need — high-speed boats and helicopters? We're not in Miami. We're in Citrus County.

Again, don't blame him; blame the county commissioners.

Caring clinicians

I would like to tell everyone about the loving and caring people who work at Crystal River Dialysis Center. How compassionate and caring they all are. I have been in dialysis for almost three years.

I was not in Citrus County for that time, but what a difference in the kindness and care they show each and every patient that walks in their door.

To Dr. Reddy and all the staff: I thank you for your wonderful care and compassion. Thank you very much.

-ism schism

Several weeks ago, on a Sunday morning, a TV evangelist made a statement that communism and socialism was the same and both are anti-Judeo and anti-Christian. These two are most certainly not identical.

Communism, for many years, has attempted to stamp out all religion. Socialism does not deal with any religion. Communism and socialism are entirely different forms of government. Communism advocates a violent overthrow of government. Socialism does so by the ballot box. Besides the misinformation, I don't believe a TV evangelist should be discussing a subject that's quasi-political.

Stick to the Bible and illustrate how the Ten Commandments apply to modern-day life.

LETTERS to the Editor

Freeze and fire feds

Since America is suffering unemployment, financial stagnation and insecurity, and since seniors have been asked to forego any Social Security increases, why are the people we pay (all federal employees) not sharing this financial pain?

Here is my suggestion: First, freeze (indefinitely until further notice) all current levels of government employee pay. If, at the end of the fiscal year, our national debt is in excess of 70 percent of GDP then for every point above 70 percent, there must be an equal reduction in government employees (e.g., deficit is 75 percent, then a 5 percent reduction of federal employees must follow). If the deficit ever goes above 85 percent, then not only do we have to cut 15 percent of the federal workforce, but the remaining federal government employees must take a 5 percent across-the-board pay cut. There is more to this solution, but you get the idea, and I want to keep this as short as possible. Bottom line is, if the private sector and American taxpayers must cut costs to survive, so should those being paid by the taxes of the public.

Bob Locher
Crystal River

Palestine history

The Middle East conflict between Palestinians and Israelis is an important issue whose

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basic, underlying facts should be understood by all Americans.

Unfortunately, a recent letter entitled "True Palestine" presents a view of the history of the conflict that deserves to be fact-checked. "True Palestine" seems to say that Muslims (the writer doesn't use the word Arabs) never "belonged" to the land of Palestine. Rather, this was "a barren land" unwanted except by "small groups of Jews, Chris-

tians and Muslims." When England decided it wanted to "buy" this barren land for the Jews, Egypt "sold" the land to England and England in turn gave the land in part to the Jews and in part to the Muslims, respectively the land now known as the state of Israel and the Palestinian territories of West Bank and Gaza.

"True Palestine" ignores the fact that at the time of the land division (in 1948, by the United Nations, not England), there were more than twice as many Arabs as Jews living in undivided Palestine. The Arabs had lived continuously on this land for hundreds of years (as part of the Ottoman Empire), whereas most of the Jews had immigrated there within the last 50 years in response to the Zionist movement, persecution and the Holocaust. In the land granted to the Jews for the new state of Israel there lived almost half-a-million Arabs, the majority of whom fled from Jewish occupation, giving up their land and possessions and becoming Palestinian refugees whose right-of-return to Israel is a controversial element of the Middle East conflict.

America is a strong ally of the state of Israel and committed to a negotiated peace between Israel and Palestine. Prospects for peace is not helped if the basic facts underlying the conflict are not represented honestly and fairly.

Wendy Horgan
Beverly Hills



I grew up on the Gulf Coast. I know these waters. And I'm doing everything I can to clean them up.

- Fred Lemond, BP Cleanup Operations

Making This Right

- Beaches
- Claims
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- Economic Investment
- Environmental Restoration
- Health and Safety
- Wildlife

BP has taken full responsibility for the cleanup in the Gulf. And that includes keeping you informed.

Searching For And Cleaning Up The Oil

Every morning, over 50 spotter planes and helicopters search for oil off the coast, heading to areas previously mapped with satellite imagery and infrared photography. Once oil is found, they radio down to the 6,000 ships and boats of all sizes that are supporting the cleanup effort and working to collect the oil. These are thousands of local shrimping and fishing boats organized into task forces and strike teams, plus specialized skimmers mobilized from as far as the Netherlands.

We have recovered more than 27 million gallons of oil-water mixture from the Gulf. Other methods have also helped remove millions of additional gallons of oil from the water. We've deployed more than 8 million feet of boom to protect beaches and sensitive wildlife areas.

Hurricane Preparedness

In the event of a hurricane, our first priority is keeping people safe. In coordination with the Coast Guard and local officials, we may suspend operations temporarily but have organized to resume them as soon as possible.

Our Responsibility

We have already spent more than \$3.2 billion responding to the spill and on the cleanup, and none of this will be paid by taxpayers. We will work in the Gulf as long as it takes to get this done. We may not always be perfect but we will do everything we can to make this right.

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 To make spill-related claims: (800) 440-0858
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Nation BRIEFS

Yes vote



Associated Press

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., talks to the media Tuesday after a Senate Judiciary Committee vote on the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan. Graham broke with his party to cast the sole GOP "yes" vote on President Obama's nominee to succeed Justice John Paul Stevens, who retired in June. The vote was 13-6. The nomination now goes to the full Senate, where Kagan is expected to win confirmation within weeks.

Democrats break filibuster

Jobless benefits may flow soon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats broke through a stubborn Republican filibuster Tuesday and pressed to restart jobless benefits for 2 1/2 million Americans still unable to find work in the frail national economic recovery. The Democrats were victorious by the single vote of a new senator sworn in only moments earlier.

Senators voted 60-40 to move ahead on the bill, clearing the way for a final vote in the chamber as early

as Tuesday evening.

The recovery from the nation's long and deep recession has produced relatively few new jobs so far, and millions of people's unemployment benefits began running out seven weeks ago as Congress bogged down in an impasse over whether the \$34 billion cost of a fresh extension of benefits should be paid for with budget cuts or be added to the \$13 trillion national debt.

Democrats emphasized the plight of the unemployed and argued that putting money in the pockets of jobless families would also boost economic revival.

"This bill is about jobs because unemployment insurance goes to people who will



Associated Press

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., left, is joined Tuesday by newly-sworn Sen. Carte Goodwin, D-W.Va., after the Senate passed a bill to restore unemployment benefits to millions of Americans who have been out of work for more than six months.

spend it immediately," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "That would increase economic demand. And that

would help support our fragile economic recovery."

But the numbers are far smaller than last year's \$862 billion stimulus legislation. Republicans have blocked Democratic add-ons, such as aid to state governments.

"It's too small to have any noticeable impact on the economy's growth rate," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "But the benefits do provide an important safety net for people during these difficult economic times."

The economy has added 882,000 jobs so far this year — but many of those were only temporary positions as the federal government geared up to conduct the U.S. Census.

Deepwater Horizon survivors

Day-to-day coverage of the spill overshadows their emotional turmoil

HOLBROOK MOHR
 Associated Press

— MYRTLE GROVE, La. — A boom from the speakers at church was all it took to send Paula Walker back to that moment of horror on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig.

"I freaked out," Walker said. "I huddled up on the pew and wouldn't put my feet down because the floor was blue and I thought it was the water."

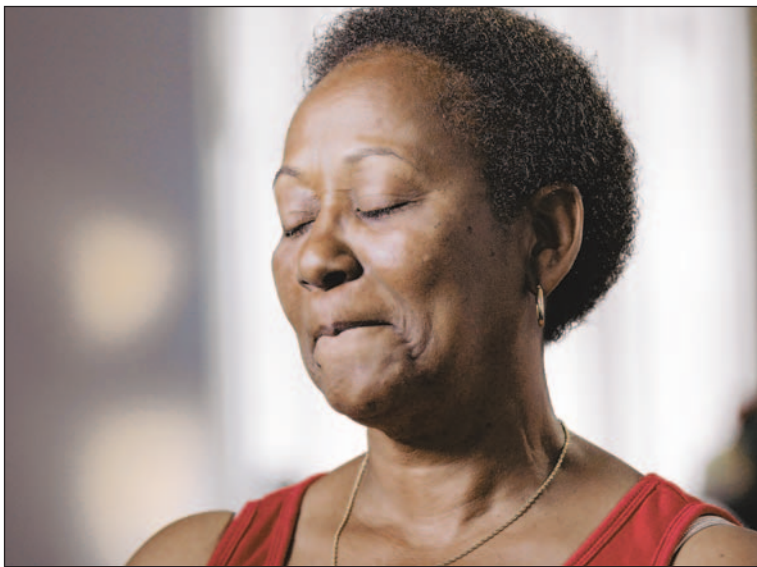
Members of the congregation rushed to her side and desperately tried to convince the 56-year-old laundry worker that she wasn't back on the rig. She says she had a similar flashback when a car backfired near her home.

The April 20 explosion and fire killed 11 co-workers. Walker got off the rig with just some bruises but, like several other survivors, says she's haunted by memories of that night. Although the environmental toll has dominated headlines, survivors say they suffer a more personal — and private — burden.

"When you go to sleep, you wake up crying. You wake up with nightmares, thinking the building is exploding," said Walker, who worked on the rig for three years and was in her room watching TV when the blowout occurred.

"It's hard coping with the situation I'm in, not going to work, thinking about the guys that lost their lives. It was like a family out there," she said.

The more than 100 survivors from the rig and the families of those killed suffer far from the public eye and TV cameras, which are more focused on the oil that has spewed from the blown well, fouling the Gulf of Mexico and its coastline. The flow was finally stopped, at least



Paula Walker
 laundry worker, above



Carl Taylor
 radio operator, below

“When you go to sleep, you wake up ... with nightmares.”

“We still have to go and live with what happened.”

temporarily, last week, nearly three months after the blast.

"If (the leak) is fixed, it will help the rest of the world, but it doesn't bring my boy back," said L.D. Manuel of Eunice, La., whose son, Blair, was killed in the explosion.

The loss of life and the emotional turmoil have been overshadowed by the spill, said Carl Taylor, a 62-year-old great-grandfather and retired Jackson, Miss., firefighter who survived the explosion.

"We still have to go on and live with what happened on that rig. It was devastating. I'm sure all of us are still having the memories of that night," he said. "It was so terrifying. You didn't know if you were going to live or die."

"Actually, I think it changed me to make me realize that I need to enjoy life more," Taylor said. "When I was young, I spent all my time working trying to support my family, but after this incident I realized it could have all been gone in just a second."

Taylor was a radio operator on the rig who says his hearing was damaged by the explosion. And, he said, it's hard to escape reminders of the spill. He owns an eighth-floor condominium in Gulf Shores, Ala., that now looks over beaches that have been hit by oil. At times, he's seen oil washing in with the waves. Like Walker, Taylor said he's been diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder.

Numerous survivors say in the more than 260 lawsuits filed in 12 states that they suffer from PTSD.

Many survivors say they will never go back to the Gulf's deep waters. And, in a way, those suffering from PTSD or other mental health problems may find it hard to leave the disaster behind.

Photos by Associated Press

Blagojevich may not testify

CHICAGO — An attorney for Rod Blagojevich says he does not think the ousted governor should take the stand in his own defense.

Sam Adam Sr. said Tuesday after court adjourned that there is a disagreement among Blagojevich's lawyers. Adam said he feels the former governor should not testify because he does not believe the government has proven its case, and that the real issue is whether to call any defense witnesses.

His son, Sam Adam Jr., said he thinks Blagojevich should testify because attorneys promised in their opening statement that he would. He says the ultimate decision is Blagojevich's.

Both Blagojevich brothers have pleaded not guilty to a scheme to sell or trade President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

World BRIEFS

Freedom



Associated Press

A Colombian soldier, with her face painted, takes part in a military parade Tuesday to celebrate 200 years of independence from Spain in Quibdo, northeastern Colombia.

Pin the sail on the donkey?

MOSCOW — Authorities in Russia are opening an animal cruelty probe into a weekend stunt on a beach in southern Russia in which a donkey parasailed high over the surf. Amateur video footage showed men attaching a parasail harness to the trembling mule. The English-language Kremlin news channel Russia Today reported that sunbathers were distressed at the sight of the flying donkey, which brayed in fear as it glided above the bay for half an hour.

Russia Today reported the donkey was shell-shocked but survived.

Reports said the donkey flight was a promotional stunt. Employees of a leisure firm in the village of Golubitskaya on the Azov Sea could face two years in prison if they are charged and convicted of animal cruelty.

—From wire reports

Feds tamp down fears that leaks mean BP well is unstable

WASHINGTON — The federal government's oil spill chief said Tuesday that seepage two miles from BP's oil cap is coming from another well, tamping down fears that leaks mean the ruptured well is unstable.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen also said five leaks in and

around BP's well are more like "drips," and aren't yet reason to worry.

The leaks and seepage had raised concerns that the mechanical cap choking off the flow of oil was displacing pressure and forcing oil out deep underground. That could make the sea floor unstable and make the

3-month-old environmental disaster even worse and harder to fix.

Allen said the well appears stable, and he extended testing of the experimental cap by another day, which means the oil will remain shut in.

The cap is buying time until a permanent plug is in place. Crews are

drilling into the side of the ruptured well from deep underground, and by next week, they could start blasting in mud and cement to block off the well for good. Killing the well deep underground works more reliably than bottling it up with a cap.

— From wire reports

China No. 1 in world energy consumption

Associated Press

PARIS — China is now king of the world in energy consumption, surpassing the U.S. years ahead of forecasts in a milestone that left the Asian giant immediately rejecting its new crown. Sensitive to its status as the world's biggest polluter, China has long pointed fingers at developed nations in climate change talks and resists any label that could increase international pressure for it to take a larger role in curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

When the Paris-based International Energy Agency released its data on Tuesday, China branded it "unreliable."

The United States still consumes more energy and oil per capita than China. But China's faster-than-expected shift has global consequences for markets and the environment, reflecting its transformation from a nation of subsistence farmers to one of workers increasingly trading their popular bicycles for cars and buying air conditioners and other energy-hungry home electronics.

China was not expected to overtake the U.S. in energy consumption until at least 2015, the U.S. Energy Information Administration forecast in April.

The consumption level, reached despite the global economic downturn, left China in an awkward spot:

It is eager to be seen as an economic juggernaut and a major player on the international stage, but also insists it's a developing nation that deserves to industrialize.

Some environmentalists are cautiously optimistic about what China's new status could mean for the planet, pointing out that it has spearheaded research and development into renewable energy. The IEA's chief economist, Fatih Birol, said China is the world's leader in wind and solar power.

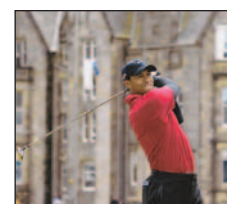
China's total 2009 consumption, including energy sources ranging from oil and coal to wind and solar power, was equal to 2.265 billion tons of oil, compared with 2.169 billion tons

used by the U.S., the IEA said.

China's energy consumption has more than doubled in less than a decade, from 1.107 billion tons in 2000 — driven by its burgeoning population and economic growth that hit 11.9 percent in the first quarter of 2010. Per capita, the U.S. still consumes five times more energy than China, Birol said.

The surge in energy consumption has turned China into the biggest source of climate-changing greenhouse gases. The government has pledged to curb the growth in its emissions, but has refused to adopt binding curbs. It has maintained that pollution is an unavoidable consequence of industrialization.

■ Woods waning on the golf course since his return./B2



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Citrus Storm advances to state title game

Inverness scores winning run in final at-bat of nail-biter

JOHN COSCIA
Chronicle

Almost every summer day in Florida runs the risk of an unexpected thunderstorm. On this day, however, the swirling winds and unexpected thunder happened on the baseball diamond as the Citrus Storm (Inverness)

became embroiled in a battle Tuesday with Lakeland in Dixie League Senior All-Stars semifinal game.

By the time the dust settled, the Citrus Storm outlasted Lakeland 7-6 to advance to this morning's championship game.

The Citrus Storm, powered by Garrett Wilkinson's

three-run home run in the third inning, showered Lakeland with six runs early on en route to a 6-1 lead. But Lakeland would weather the Citrus Storm and answered with five runs of its own to tie the game in the fourth inning.

Two scoreless innings followed for both teams. Then the Inverness squad provided one final squall in its last at-bat.

Ryan Labrador opened the top of frame with a lead-off single and promptly stole

second base on the wild pitch, putting himself in prime position to score the go-ahead run. John Smith made sure that came to fruition when he delivered an RBI single that easily scored Labrador.

All the Citrus Storm had to do now was keep Lakeland from scoring in the home half of the inning. Shelton Baxter took care of that.

Baxter had already quieted Lakeland's fourth-inning weather disturbance with two brilliant innings of pitching in

the fifth and sixth frames. In the seventh he returned to the mound with an armful of lightning that struck down Lakeland for good.

"We've showed a lot of resiliency this whole tournament," Citrus Storm manager Jon Bolin said. "After winning our first game we lost our next one, which meant every game we played from then on was an elimination game for us. And we won both of them, thanks mostly to our pitching staff, which has really

stepped up. And now our bats have gotten going at just the right time as well."

With the win the Inverness Citrus Storm will face Springstead for the Dixie League Senior state championship at 9 a.m. today at Chain of Lakes Field in Winter Haven.

To follow the game live, go to the *Chronicle* website at www.chronicleonline.com.

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GLIMPSE OF GLORY



Photos by Associated Press

American Lance Armstrong, right, and Spaniard Jose Ivan Gutierrez speed down Peyresourde pass in the breakaway group Tuesday during the 16th stage of the Tour de France, which crossed more than 124 miles from Bagneres-de-Luchon to Pau, Pyrenees region, France.

Armstrong breaks away in Pyrenees but fails to win 16th stage of Tour de France

Associated Press

PAU, France — In his final days of his final Tour de France, Lance Armstrong showed some of the old fire.

The seven-time champion, knowing full well he no longer stands above all others in his sport, fought from beginning to end in the hopes of going out with a stage victory high in the Pyrenees.

It was not to be. Armstrong finished sixth after breaking away early in the 16th stage and holding his own through four major climbs of the Tour's most demanding leg. But he lost in a final sprint, with Frenchman Pierrick Fedrigo winning the 124-mile ride.

Alberto Contador was almost seven minutes behind, his Astana team asserting control over the field. The defending champion from Spain kept the overall lead, eight seconds ahead of Andy



Pierrick Fedrigo of France crosses the finish line to win the 16th stage of the Tour de France. He won in 5 hours, 31 minutes and 43 seconds.

Schleck of Luxembourg. The two rode a day after Contador apologized for the way in which he took the yellow jersey.

On Tuesday, Armstrong, broke away on his own at one point before he was caught by a small group of riders. All of which was a

bit of a change for the 38-year-old Texan.

"It was harder than I expected. It's been awhile since I sprinted," he said. "Just not quick enough. I'm not the best guy in the race but I still have the spirit of a fighter. ... I wasn't fast enough in the end. Fedrigo is very fast and he deserves the win."

The Tour ends Sunday in Paris, and Armstrong acknowledged his career was nearing the finish.

"Lance Armstrong is over in about four days," he said.

Armstrong's coach, Johan Bruyneel, said the course was not ideal for Armstrong to prevail.

"You really have to be very, very strong to ride away," he said. "And there's always going to be one or two guys with him, who are equally strong in the sprint."

Contador lauded Armstrong's effort.

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NHL rejects Devils' landmark contract Kovalchuk had signed with N.J. for 17 years

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The NHL rejected Ilya Kovalchuk's landmark 17-year, \$102 million contract with the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday night after it was deemed to circumvent the league's salary cap.

Just one day after Kovalchuk and the Devils came to an agreement on the longest contract in NHL history, the league determined that it was illegal, a person familiar with the issues raised told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the NHL hadn't made a formal announcement.

The contract was rejected because years of low salary at the end of the contract were added for the sole purpose of lowering the cap hit. The person added that no side believes Kovalchuk will play the final years of the deal at those terms. The star forward was slated to earn only \$550,000 in the final five years.

Only hours earlier, Kovalchuk beamed as the Devils held a news conference Tuesday in their home arena to officially announce that he was coming back to the team after a lengthy free-agent courtship. Kovalchuk finished last season with the Devils after being traded by the Atlanta Thrashers, who couldn't get him signed before he was set to hit the open market.



Ilya Kovalchuk
 Devils' star forward.

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SEC faces off-field troubles before media days

Florida center **Maurkice Pouncey**, left, argues a call with an official Nov. 28 during a game against Florida State in Gainesville. Florida and the NCAA are investigating an allegation that Pouncey received \$100,000 from a representative of a sports agent before last season ended, ESPN.com reported Monday.

Associated Press



UF, UT and South Carolina under scrutiny

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Bar brawls and NCAA investigations will be hot topics at the Southeastern Conference media days — not just national championships.

Troubling events have made headlines in the two weeks leading up to the three-day SEC event that begins today. There was a bar brawl involving Tennessee players and there are potential NCAA troubles brewing at Florida and South Carolina.

The latest — and potentially biggest — issue arose with a report Monday that Florida and the NCAA are investigating an allegation that former offensive lineman Maurkice Pouncey

got \$100,000 from a representative of a sports agent before last season ended.

The NCAA is also looking into a possible rules violation involving South Carolina tight end Weslye Saunders.

SEC commissioner Mike Slive declined to discuss specific issues involving Florida and South Carolina, but said in an interview Monday with The Associated Press that he would like the NCAA at some point to consider changes to rules involving agents.

"The agent issue is one that's been of concern not only to us but I think to everyone associated with intercollegiate athletics and I do think it's time

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BASEBALL STORIES INSIDE



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■ U.S. Olympian Finch bids farewell to softball

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HITTING THE LINKS

Waning Woods

Perception of Tiger depends on a putter

Associated Press



Associated Press

Tiger Woods of the United States hits off the second tee Sunday during his final round of the British Open on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland.

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tiger Woods was all over the leaderboard at the British Open.

Too bad this was on a Monday.

Locals roam the Old Course all the time on the most public of major championship properties, which King David I of Scotland granted to the people of St. Andrews way back in 1123. But some of them did more than walk their dogs in the late evening and early morning hours after Louis Oosthuizen won the British Open.

The letters and numbers on the scoreboard along the 13th hole were rearranged to show someone named Rob Rixon at 9 under. He was joined on the board with Tiger Woods, who was listed at 99 over.

Even more telling of the respect the world's No. 1 player gets these days was the large yellow-and-blue scoreboard atop the grandstand to the left of the 18th fairway. Most of the letters were still in place for the annual message, "Well played Louis." But instead of "See you at Sandwich in 2011" for the next Open, it read "Shaggy Woods."

Woods was expecting a warm reception at the home of golf, where he had won the claret jug the past two times, and there were no surprises. It's been that way for the last few months. Aside from the tentative applause when he first showed his face to fans on a golf course that Monday at Augusta National, he still gets the biggest gallery

and loudest cheers.

Gone is the reverence — as a person and a player.

The biggest change might be the perception of Woods, and it goes beyond what anyone puts on a scoreboard.

Woods' record victory at St. Andrews a decade ago is legendary for the fact he did not play out of a single bunker in 72 holes when he won at 19-under par for an eight-stroke victory. It matched the largest margin in the Open since golf's oldest major championship went to 72 holes at the turn of last century.

But when Oosthuizen rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the 12th hole Sunday — and Paul Casey lost his way through the gorse — the South African was at 17-under par and had an eight-shot lead with six holes still to play, including the par-5 14th with the wind behind him and a closing hole where old men (Tom Lehman) were capable of driving the green and

making eagle.

Oosthuizen smartly played it safe the rest of the way, even treating the 17th hole as a par 5. All he wanted was his name on the base of that beautiful jug, so finishing at 16-under 272 for a seven-shot win were just numbers.

As for that amazing feat of avoiding all those bunkers on the Old Course?

"Yes, I finally hit one at the back of the 14th," Oosthuizen said Monday in mock resignation. "It was the bunker behind the green, which was a good place for me to miss."

The day after Woods returned home, the U.S. Junior Amateur began in Michigan. Tied for the lead after the first round of qualify was Jordan Spieth, the 16-year-old from Dallas. He not only is the defending champion, the kid made a name for himself at the Byron Nelson Championship when he was on the leaderboard during the

weekend and eventually finished six shots behind the winner.

Woods won an unprecedented three straight U.S. Junior Amateur titles, and his father once considered that one of his top achievements. Now you can't help but wonder if Spieth can join Woods as the only multiple winners, or even win three in a row.

There's still a long way to go.

And it's easy to get caught up in the snapshot of Woods' career instead of looking at the big picture.

He last won a major in the 2008 U.S. Open, when he had only one good leg and needed one extra day to beat Rocco Mediate at Torrey Pines. The 0-for-7 streak he is riding still doesn't match a pair of 0-for-10s in the majors from the 1997 Masters to the 1999 PGA Championship, and from the 2002 U.S. Open to the 2005 Masters.

It's not time to panic just yet.

PGA Tour

Canadian Open

- **Site:** Toronto.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** St. George's Golf and Country Club (7,046 yards, par 70).
- **Purse:** \$5.1 million. **Winner's share:** \$918,000.
- **Television:** Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m., 8:30-11:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).
- **Last year:** Australia's Nathan Green won the rain-delayed tournament in a Monday finish at Glen Abbey, beating Relief Goosen on the second hole a playoff.
- **Last week:** Louis Oosthuizen won the British Open at St. Andrews, leading the final 48 holes and blowing away the field by seven strokes. The 27-year-old South African finished at 16-under 272. Lee Westwood was second. ... Matt Bettencourt won the Reno-Tahoe Open for his first PGA Tour title, beating Bob Heintz by a stroke.

■ **Notes:** The tournament is being played at Stanley Thompson-designed St. George's for the first time since Bob Charles held off Jack Nicklaus in the 1968 event. The club, called Royal York until 1946, also was the tournament site in 1933, '49 and '60. ... Because of logistical problems, the players will start on the first and ninth holes Thursday and Friday instead of the usual first and 10th. They also will use the driving range at nearby Irlington Golf Club. ... Canadian star Mike Weir missed the cut last week at St. Andrews. Pat Fletcher, born in England, was the last Canadian winner, taking the 1954 event in Vancouver. Carl Keffer is the only Canadian-born champion, winning in 1909 and 1914. Albert Murray, a Canadian also born in England, won in 1908 and 1913. ... The Royal Canadian Golf Association has changed its name to Golf Canada. ... The Greenbrier Classic is next week in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

LPGA Tour/Ladies European Tour

Evian Masters

- **Site:** Evian-les-Bains, France.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Evian Masters Golf Club (6,344 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$3.25 million. **Winner's share:** \$487,500.
- **Television:** Golf Channel (Thursday, 8:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday, midnight-2 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Monday, 2-4 p.m.).
- **Last year:** Japan's Ai Miyazato won her first LPGA Tour title, beating Sophie Gustafson with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.
- **Last event:** Paula Creamer won the U.S. Women's Open on July 11 at Oakmont for her first major title, shooting 72-70-70-69 to finish at 3 under. Suzann Pettersen and Na Yeon Choi tied for second, four strokes back.
- **Notes:** The Women's British Open is

next week at Royal Birkdale. ... Miyazato, a four-time winner this year, regained the top spot in the world rankings Monday, moving 0.0006 points ahead of LPGA Championship winner Cristie Kerr. ... Natalie Gulbis won the 2007 tournament for her lone LPGA Tour title. ... The tournament became an official LPGA Tour event in 2000. ... Sweden's Helen Alfredsson won in 1994, 1998 and 2008.

Champions Tour/PGA European Seniors Tour

Senior British Open

- **Site:** Carnoustie, Scotland.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Carnoustie Golf Links (7,421 yards, par 71).
- **Purse:** \$2 million. **Winner's share:** \$314,600.
- **Television:** ESPN2 (Thursday-Friday, noon-2 p.m.; Sunday, 1-3 p.m.) and ESPN (Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m.).
- **Last year:** Loren Roberts won the event for the second time in four seasons, beating Mark McNulty with a par on the third hole of a playoff at Sunningdale. Fred Funk was eliminated on the first extra hole.
- **Last event:** Larry Mize won the Montreal Championship on July 4 for his first Champions Tour victory, closing with a 64 for a one-stroke victory over John Cook.
- **Notes:** Tom Watson won in 2003, '05 and '07. The five-time British Open champion missed the cut last week at St. Andrews. ... Mark Calcavecchia is coming off a 73rd-place finish at St. Andrews. ... Roberts won the Dick's Sporting Goods Open last month in New York for his 12th Champions Tour victory. ... Fred Couples is skipping the tournament to play in the Canadian Open. ... The U.S. Senior Open is next week at Sahalee in Sammamish, Wash.

PGA European Tour

Scandinavian Masters

- **Site:** Stockholm.
- **Schedule:** Thursday-Sunday.
- **Course:** Bro Hof Slott Golf Club (7,365 yards, par 72).
- **Purse:** \$2.07 million. **Winner's share:** \$431,445.
- **Television:** Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7:30-10:30 a.m.).
- **Last year:** Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez won at Barseback, birdieing five of the final six holes for a two-stroke victory over Wales' Jamie Donaldson.
- **Last week:** Louis Oosthuizen won the British Open at St. Andrews, leading the final 48 holes and blowing away the field by seven strokes. The 27-year-old South African finished at 16-under 272. Lee Westwood was second.
- **Notes:** Oosthuizen is in the field. ... Jesper Parnevik won in 1995 at Barseback to become the first Swede to win a European tour event in Sweden. He also won in 1998 at Kungsangen. Countryman Peter Hanson won the 2008 event. ... The Irish Open is next week at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

Local LEADERS

BEVERLY HILLS

MEN	
Beverly Hills Mens Golf League played 18 Holes:	
Morris Frank	65
Jess Lewis	69
Howard Walsh	70
CTP: No. 2 Morris Frank, No. 5 Art Blanchette and No. 11 John Tuttle	
Beverly Hills Mens Golf League played 9 Holes:	
Walter Novak	39
Beverly Hills Mens Golf League played 18 Holes:	
Jess Lewis	67
Gene St. Don	67
CTP No. 2 John Tuttle, No. 5 Bob Johansen and No. 11 Alex Medvigy	
Beverly Hills Mens Golf League played 9 Holes	
Frank Hughes	36
Rick Mazzauca	37
Jim Graham	37
CTP No. 11-15 Jim Graham	

CITRUS HILLS

MEN	
July 14 — Citrus Hills Men's Golf Association played "Devil Ball" 10 teams (39 players)	
First place	+15
Angelo Previte, Cliff Schoenberger, Mike Rizzio and Don Sinclair	
Second place	+23
Bob Miller, Harvey Schrank, Dave O'Brien and Dick Olsen	
Third place	+25
Bill Lindsey, Felix De Villa, Clive Affleck and Harold Cipollone	
Fourth place	+26
Ed Ryan, Joe Skender, George Lowell and Stu Staus	
WOMEN	
July 13 — Citrus Hills Women's Golf Association played an individual low net game, Even Steven, where the players counted low net scores only on the even holes. Winners by flight were:	

First	Jackie Dziekan	33
Second	Betty Mullins	37
Third	IvaLee Lawrence	38
Flight 2		
First	Helen Clayton	31
Second	Young Ja Chi	36
Third	DW Hahm	38
(Tie)	Dorothy Ammerman	38
(Tie)	Sharon Fowler	38
(Tie)	Nina Campbell	38
(Tie)	Juliet Clavero	38
Flight 3		
First	Phyllis Mills	33
Flight 4		
First	Virginia Romiti	38
Second	Linda Fick	39
(Tie)	Kate Yazbak	39
(Tie)	Diane Halloran	39
Birdies: Young Ja Chi, No. 6 & 9; Eugene Chung, No. 9; Becky Holland, No. 9; Lily Kim, No. 1 & 7; Sung Ja Kim, No. 9; Nina Kimball, No. 7; Pat Laskowski, No. 1; Nancy McCoy, No. 3; Sally Pyles, No. 15; Virginia Romiti, No. 3.		

CITRUS SPRINGS

MEN	
July 15 — Citrus Springs Men's Golf Association played team net.	
First place:	B. Curry, G. Robertson and J. Ruby
Second place:	T. Redding, B. Hunt, W. Brooks and J. Lycke
Closest to the pin: No. 4 P. Clutter, No. 8 B. Curry, No. 11 T. Redding, No. 14 M. Laritz and No. 16 E. Starling	
July 17 — Citrus Springs Men's Golf Association played individual low net.	
First place	P. Clutter
Second place	J. Ruby
Third place	W. Brooks
Fourth place	B. Curry
Closest to the pin:	
No. 4 B Tarallo, No. 8 B. Tarallo, No. 11 P. Clutter, No. 14 P. Clutter and No. 16 B. Curry	
July 20 — Citrus Springs Men's Golf Association played 2 BB/3BB/1BB.	

First place: C. Curtis, R. Woodworth, J. Ruby and Blind	
Second place: B. Curry, J. Feher, L. Murphy and G. Wilde	
Closest to the pin: No. 4 C. Curtis, No. 8 C. Curtis, No. 11 W. Brooks, No. 14 B. Curry and No. 16 J. Ruby	

POINT O'WOODS

July 8 — Men's League winners:	
First	Norm Shimko (net 26)
Second	Dave Neihoff (net 30)
Third	Dave Wade (net 30)
Closest to the pin winner: Vern Lee	
July 8 — Thursday Twilight Scramble winners:	
First place team: Bob Suplee, Gary Wesolowski Sr., Jim McKenzie and Jennie Diaz (Score of 27)	
Second place team: Bruce Beiswenger, Ken McCabe, Joe LaPorte and Anita McCabe (Score of 28)	
July 9 — Friday Medal Play Tournament results:	
First-place team: Butch Roche and Dave Wade (7 under)	
Second-place team: Ron Mosey and Jim Taylor (6 under)	
Third-place team: David Haschel and Rich Nardi (5 under)	
July 10 — Saturday Scramble winners:	
First round:	
First-place team: Rich Nardi, Maggie Cart and Ron Mosey (Score of 26)	
Second-place team: Ron Cart, Jim Papa and Andy Malerba (Score of 28)	

Second round:	
First-place team: Steve Seymour, Maggie Cart and Ron Mosey (Score of 28)	
July 13 — Tuesday Scramble winners:	
First-place team: Frank Giles, Jim Taylor and Jim McKenzie (1 under)	
Second-place team: Jim Papa, Butch Roche and Brenda Sotis (even)	

SEVEN RIVERS

MEN	
July 15 — Today the Seven Rivers Men's Golf Association played a "Low Gross Low Net" tournament. Winners are as follows:	
First Flight	
Low Gross	Bruce Cohoon 76
Low Net	Bob Cox 66
2nd Low Net	Bob Wright 67
3rd Low Net	Cliff Ledbetter 72
Second Flight	
Low Gross	Paul Mantey 84
Low Net	Werner Krupp 70
2nd Low Net	Al Silliman
3rd	Mario Benigno
4th Low Net	Dick VanPoucker
Closest to the pin: No. 7 Bob Cox and No. 11 Robin Thomas	

SOUTHERN WOODS

July 14 — Southern Woods MGA results played an MGA Series Event.	
Flight 1	
Doug Martin	+1 5 pts
Bill Ervasti	E 4 pts

Rick Shale	-1 3 pts
Ken Moody	-2 1.5 pts
Jim Hackett	-2 1.5 pts
Flight 2	
Hank Provenelli	+1 5 pts
Bob Watson	E 4 pts
Steve Ley	-1 2.5 pts
Phil Jasper	-1 2.5 pts
Dan Santero	-3 .5 pts
Chuck Swenson	-3 .5 pts
Flight 3	
Ed Skinner	+8 5 pts
Mike Medland	+6 4 pts
Dennis Didier	+2 3 pts
Bob Chadderton	+1 2 pts
Ron Severson	E 1 pts
Flight 4	
Bob Ingerick	+7 4 pts
Rod Woodbury	+7 4 pts
Bill Engelbrecht	+7 4 pts
Emile Forcier	+5 2 pts
George Kallenbach	+2 .5 pts
Tony Corso	+2 .5 pts

SUGARMILL WOODS

MEN	
July 15 — Sugarmill Woods Men's Golf Association played Best 1 of 2 Flighted.	
Flight 1	
First	-13
Paul Van Tassell, Blind Draw	

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 1
Texas 8, Detroit 6, 14 innings
Cleveland 10, Minnesota 4

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Angels 10, N.Y. Yankees 2
Texas 8, Detroit 0
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 3

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (J.Shields 7-9) at Baltimore (Bergesen 3-7), 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Pineiro 10-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 7-7), 1:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Games
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 4
Florida 9, Colorado 8

Today's Games
Houston (Myers 7-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lilly 3-8), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Ra.Wolf 7-8) at Pittsburgh (Duke 3-9), 7:05 p.m.



Associated Press

Los Angeles Angels' Mike Napoli hits a sixth-inning, two-run home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Phil Hughes in Tuesday's game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Angels 10, Yankees 2

NEW YORK — Hideki Matsui, Maicer Izturis and Mike Napoli hit two-run homers to back a crisp effort from spot starter Sean O'Sullivan, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the New York Yankees 10-2 on Tuesday night.

O'Sullivan (1-0) was starting in place of Scott Kazmir, who was put on the disabled list Sunday because of shoulder fatigue. Called up from Triple-A Salt Lake earlier Tuesday, the right-hander retired 12 in a row after giving up two runs in the first inning. In six innings, he allowed two hits, three walks and struck out four.

Izturis homered in his first game back after missing 27 with a left forearm strain. His fourth-inning drive gave the Angels a 4-2 lead. Napoli connected in the fifth, and Matsui, a former Yankee, homered in the seventh.

Napoli's homer followed a leadoff walk to Matsui. It chased Phil Hughes (11-3), who was making his first start since getting the loss in the All-Star game at Anaheim last Tuesday.

Napoli added a two-run single in the ninth for four RBIs and made it 10-2, the second time in three games the Yankees gave up 10 runs.

Torii Hunter and Izturis had RBI singles to help the Angels kick off a stretch of 12 games against the Yankees, AL West-leading Texas and Boston.

Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees went 2 for 4 and remained on 598 career homers. He needs to connect twice to

become the seventh, and youngest, player to earn a spot in the 600 home run club.

Hughes has struggled since mid-May. He began the season allowing two earned runs or less in six straight starts but has given up more than two runs in eight of 11 starts since.

Box score table for Angels vs Yankees showing player stats.

Summary table for Angels vs Yankees including totals and pitching stats.

Rangers 8, Tigers 0

DETROIT — Tommy Hunter pitched seven scoreless innings, Josh Hamilton and Ian Kinsler homered, and the surging Texas Rangers beat the slumping Detroit Tigers 8-0 on Tuesday night.

The AL West-leading Rangers are 5-1 since the All-Star break. Hunter became the first Ranger to start a season 7-0, pitching only as a starter. He gave up three hits and two walks.

Detroit has lost a season-high seven straight. The Tigers have had at least a .500 record before the break in each of Leyland's five seasons and haven't had a winning record once after it.

Armando Galarraga (3-3) gave up four runs and nine hits over 7 1/3 innings.

Elvis Andrus hit Galarraga's first pitch for a single, scored on Kinsler's triple and Josh Hamilton followed with a sacrifice fly, David Murphy's solo homer in the second put Texas up 3-0.

Nelson Cruz's RBI single in the sixth brought Hamilton home, providing the Rangers with more than enough offense.

But the Rangers stayed aggressive and turned the game into a rout with a four-run ninth against relievers Brad Thomas and Casey Fien, who was recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Toledo to take Brandon Inge's spot on the roster.

Box score table for Rangers vs Tigers showing player stats.

Summary table for Rangers vs Tigers including totals and pitching stats.

Pirates 11, Brewers 9

PITTSBURGH — Pedro Alvarez hit a grand slam in Pittsburgh's nine-run first and a solo drive in the second for his first career multihomer game, helping the Pirates beat the Milwaukee Brewers 11-9 on Tuesday night.

Fellow rookie Neil Walker had a career-high five hits for the Pirates, who got 3 2-3 scoreless innings from four relievers after the Brewers got within two.

Jim Edmonds and Ryan Braun went deep for the Brewers. Edmonds finished with four hits.

Sloppy Milwaukee committed three errors over a six-pitch span in Pittsburgh's big first and the nine runs allowed in the opening frame set a Brewers record.

Alvarez hit a 2-2 pitch from Dave Bush (4-8) over the wall in right for his fourth homer.

Box score table for Pirates vs Brewers showing player stats.

Summary table for Pirates vs Brewers including totals and pitching stats.

Rockies 10, Marlins 0

MIAMI — Melvin Mora drove in five runs, Jeff Francis pitched seven crisp innings and the Colorado Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 10-0 on Tuesday night.

Batting in the No. 3 spot for only the second time this season, Mora hit a bases-clearing double to highlight a six-run third inning. He also hit a two-run homer off Nate Robertson (6-8) in the fifth and finished with three hits, matching a season high.

Francis (3-3) allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked none while lowering his ERA from 5.14 to 4.63.

Robertson gave up eight runs, seven earned, and six hits in five innings for Florida, which had won three straight.

It was the Marlins' most lopsided loss of the season and just the seventh time in franchise history where they gave up at least 10 runs at home while being shut out. The last was a 13-0 loss to the New York Mets on April 2, 2008.

Jonathan Herrera scored twice for the Rockies. Colorado pitchers struck out 12 and walked just one, a two-out pass that Randy Flores issued to Wes Helms in the ninth.

Box score table for Rockies vs Marlins showing player stats.

Summary table for Rockies vs Marlins including totals and pitching stats.

Cardinals 7, Phillies 1

ST. LOUIS — Chris Carpenter worked eight dominant innings and the St. Louis Cardinals got home runs from Randy Winn and Matt Holliday, winning their seventh in a row with a 7-1 victory over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies.

Phillies 47-year-old starter Jamie Moyer strained his elbow and lasted only one inning. The Phillies have lost five of six since the All-Star break.

Carpenter (11-3) faced the Phillies for the first time since opening day in 2006 at Philadelphia and was removed after throwing only 90 pitches and allowing a run on five hits. He benefited from two double plays, one that he started, plus a pair of nifty fielding plays by shortstop Brendan Ryan and Albert Pujols in the sixth to strand Jimmy Rollins at third.

Carpenter made the NL All-Star team but has been at his best the first two outings after the break, also throwing eight innings of four-hit ball and allowing one run in a victory over the Dodgers on Thursday.

Box score table for Cardinals vs Phillies showing player stats.

Summary table for Cardinals vs Phillies including totals and pitching stats.



Associated Press

Atlanta Braves catcher Brian McCann, right, tags out San Diego Padres' David Eckstein (22) at the plate on a single by Nick Hundley during the first inning of Tuesday's game at Turner Field in Atlanta. The Braves won.

Braves 4, Padres 1

ATLANTA — Matt Diaz homered in his third straight game, Jair Jurrjens gave up only one run in seven innings, and the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 4-1 on Tuesday night in a matchup of first-place teams.

Diaz drove in three runs with a two-run homer in the fourth and a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Jason Heyward had three hits, including two doubles, and drove in a run as the Braves expanded a 2-1 lead in the seventh.

Chris Denorfia hit a second-inning homer for the Padres, but Jurrjens gave up only two hits over his last five innings.

Padres second baseman David Eckstein left the game with a right calf strain.

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save.

The Braves began the day 5 1/2 games ahead of second-place New York in the NL East. The Braves (55-38) passed the NL West-leading Padres (54-38) for the best record in the National League.

Diaz has three homers and eight RBIs in his last three games. He was slowed the first two months of the season by an infection in his right thumb. He came off the disabled list June 29.

Diaz has four homers this season, all in the last two weeks.

Jurrjens gave up five hits, struck out seven and walked three.

Wade LeBlanc (4-8) gave up two

Box score table for Braves vs Padres showing player stats.

Summary table for Braves vs Padres including totals and pitching stats.

Cubs manager retiring

Piniella to end his career after season is over

Associated Press

CHICAGO — After all those dirt-kicking, base-tossing tantrums, Lou Piniella is going out with more of a whimper.

This isn't the way he envisioned his final days as the Chicago Cubs' manager.

The team had bigger plans, too.

Piniella announced Tuesday he will retire at the end of the season, completing a storied and often colorful career that included 18 years in the majors as a player and another 22 as a manager.

The 66-year-old Piniella, who made five trips to the World Series in his career and has three championship rings, said he was looking forward to spending more time with his family. He didn't rule out consulting for the Cubs or another team, but made it clear he was getting out of the daily grind.

"It's been a wonderful experience," he said. "There's no way that I won't cherish the memories here."

But, he added: "I've been away from home since 1962. That's about 50 years."

General manager Jim Hendry said Cubs Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg, now managing the club's Triple-A affiliate in Des Moines, will be a candidate for the job. He said Piniella's replacement won't be hired before the end of the season.

"It's not going to be a two-week process," said Hendry, who new owner Tom Ricketts said will be



Associated Press

Low Piniella is going to retire at the end of the season. Piniella announced his decision Tuesday before a game against the Astros. The 66-year-old manager says he is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

back next year.

Sandberg, who spent several seasons as a spring-training instructor with the Cubs after retiring in 1997, said he's interested.

"I need to focus on what I'm doing here in Des Moines with these players and what my job is right now," he said. "If the time came, if I was considered for that job in Chicago, I think that's be a terrific thing just to be considered. The whole goal of any minor leaguer is to get to the major leagues, and I think that includes coaches and managers like myself."

Cubs slugger Derrek Lee said he was surprised by the timing and Piniella will be missed.

"He doesn't like to lose," Lee said. "He's had a great career, put a lot of time into this game."

Announcing his retirement now, Piniella said, gives the team time to find a replacement.

"I'm proud of our accomplishments during my time here and this will be a perfect way for me to end my career," he said. "But let me

make one thing perfectly clear: Our work is far from over. I want to keep the momentum going more than anything else and win as many games as we can to get back in this pennant race."

When asked why he didn't step down immediately, Piniella shot back, "Why? I signed here for four years. I'm going to honor the contract."

Entering Tuesday's game against Houston, Piniella's overall record was 1,826-1,691 (.519). He trails only Tony La Russa, Bobby Cox and Joe Torre in victories among active managers. The Cubs said Piniella will retire as the 14th-winningest manager in major league history.

Piniella's record with the Cubs was 307-271. Under the mellowed skipper, Chicago won consecutive NL Central titles in 2007-08, but missed the playoffs last year and has struggled again this season with a new owner in charge.

The Cubs have gone 102 years without a World Series title.

CYCLING

Tour de France Results

- Tuesday at Pau, France 16th Stage (124 miles)**
A high-mountain ride in the Pyrenees from Bagnès-de-Luchon to Pau with back-to-back Category 1
- Pierrick Fedrigo, France, BBOX Bouygues Telecom, 5 hours, 31 minutes, 43 seconds.
 - Sandy Casar, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
 - Ruben Plaza, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.
 - Damiano Cunego, Italy, Lampre-Farnese, same time.
 - Christopher Horner, United States, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Lance Armstrong, United States, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Jurgen Van De Walle, Belgium, Quick Step, same time.
 - Christophe Moreau, France, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.
 - Carlos Barredo, Spain, Quick Step, 28 seconds behind.
 - Thor Hushovd, Norway, Cervelo Test Team, 6:45.
 - Jose Joaquin Rojas, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, same time.
 - Eros Capecchi, Italy, Footon-Servetto, same time.
 - Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
 - Gerald Ciolek, Germany, Team Milram, same time.
 - Martin Elmiger, Switzerland, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
 - Aleksandr Kuchynski, Belarus, Liquigas-Doimo, same time.
 - Benoit Vaugrenard, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
 - Maxime Monfort, Belgium, Team HTC-Columbia, same time.
 - Ryder Hesjedal, Canada, Garmin-Transitions, same time.
 - Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.

- Also**
- Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, same time.
 - Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, same time.
 - Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time.
 - Denis Menchov, Russia, Rabobank, same time.
 - George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing Team, same time.
 - Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time.
 - Levi Leipheimer, United States, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Andreas Kloeeden, Germany, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Transitions, 9:27.
 - Dmitriy Muravyev, Kazakhstan, Team RadioShack, 10:01.
 - Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Team RadioShack, 23:42.
 - Yaroslav Popovych, Ukraine, Team RadioShack, same time.
 - Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing Team, 34:48.

- Overall Standings (After 16 stages)**
- Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 78 hours, 29 minutes, 10 seconds.
 - Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 8 seconds behind.
 - Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, 2:00.
 - Denis Menchov, Russia, Rabobank, 2:13.
 - Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 3:39.
 - Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 5:01.
 - Levi Leipheimer, United States, Team RadioShack, 5:25.
 - Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 5:45.
 - Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, Astana, 7:12.
 - Ryder Hesjedal, Canada, Garmin-Transitions, 7:51.
 - Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Liquigas-Doimo, 7:58.
 - Ruben Plaza, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, 8:02.
 - Luis-Leon Sanchez, Spain, Caisse d'Epargne, 8:19.
 - Christopher Horner, United States, Team RadioShack, 8:52.
 - Carlos Sastre, Spain, Cervelo Test Team, 9:02.
 - Andreas Kloeeden, Germany, Team RadioShack, 11:14.
 - Thomas Lovkvist, Sweden, Sky Pro Cycling, 12:09.
 - Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R La Mondiale, 12:34.
 - Kevin De Weert, Belgium, Quick Step, 14:07.
 - John Gadret, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 14:24.

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- Lance Armstrong, United States, Team RadioShack, 33:46.
- Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Team RadioShack, 53:02.
- Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, Team RadioShack, 1:14:38.
- George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing Team, 1:29:55.
- Yaroslav Popovych, Ukraine, Team RadioShack, 2:14:21.
- Gregory Rast, Switzerland, Team RadioShack, 2:47:50.
- David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Transitions, 2:48:09.
- Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing Team, 3:12:21.
- Dmitriy Muravyev, Kazakhstan, Team RadioShack, 3:19:33.

- NEXT:** Wednesday is a rest day, Thursday's stage, the final mountain stage, is a 108.1-mile ride from Pau to Col du Tourmalet, featuring Category 1 climbs to Col de Marie-Blanque and Col du Soulor followed by a finishing Hors Category climb to Col du Tourmalet in the Haute-Pyrenees.

GOLF

Nationwide Tour

- Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational**
- Site: Columbus, Ohio.
 - Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
 - Course: Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course (7,455 yards, par 71).
 - Purse: \$550,000. Winner's share: \$99,000.
 - Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Friday, 2-4 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2-4 a.m., 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 a.m., 7:30-9 p.m.; Monday, midnight-2 a.m.).
 - Last year: Derek Lamey won his first Nationwide Tour title, beating amateur Rickie Fowler with a par on the second hole of a playoff.
 - Last week: Tommy Gainey won the Chiquita Classic in Maineville, Ohio, for his second victory of the year, one short of an immediate PGA Tour promotion. He shot 64-66-62-69 to finish at 27 under, three strokes ahead of Joe Afrantti.
 - Notes: Gainey leads the money list with \$306,307, followed by Chris Kirk (\$287,088), Kevin Chappell (\$267,328) and Jamie Lovemark (\$252,301). The final top 25 will earn 2011 PGA Tour cards. ... In

For the record

Florida LOTTERY



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

CASH 3 (early)
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2 - 2 - 0
PLAY 4 (early)
7 - 8 - 9 - 1
PLAY 4 (late)
2 - 2 - 4 - 6
FANTASY 5
11 - 16 - 18 - 22 - 30
MEGA MONEY
1 - 21 - 25 - 29
MEGA BALL
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On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

MLB

12:30 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Rays at Baltimore Orioles
2 p.m. (WGN-A) Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs
7 p.m. (ESPN) Washington Nationals at Cincinnati Reds
7 p.m. (FSNFL) Colorado Rockies at Florida Marlins

SOCCER

11:55 a.m. (ESPN2) Women's FIFA U-20 World Cup: Korea vs. United States
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Manchester United at Philadelphia Union

Sports BRIEFS

CRHS to conduct sports physicals

All Crystal River High School students who plan to participate in athletics during the 2010-2011 school year need to have an updated physical.

Citrus Chiropractic Group has set aside Wednesday afternoon to conduct physicals for CRHS students. All physicals will be conducted at their office at Highway 44 and 2320 Sunshine Path, next to Dan's Clam Stand.

Students will be seen in alphabetical order according to the first letter of their last name.

The following appointment times, as scheduled by the physicians, on this date only, by the first letter of your last name are: A-E, 1 p.m.; F-J, 2 p.m.; K-O, 3 p.m.; P-R, 4 p.m. and S-Z, 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the physicals will be \$15. Make checks payable to CRHS.

Dunnellon softball team to hold fundraiser

The Dunnellon girls softball team, back-to-back Class 4A state champions in 2009 and 2010 and named national champions in 2010, will be honored with a parade and celebration Thursday.

The parade starts at the Dunnellon Wal-Mart at 5:30 p.m. and ends at Ernie Mills Park. There will be a meet-and-greet with the players along with special presentations with local dignitaries.

Season highlights will be shown on a big screen at the park. DVDs of the state championship game against Naples will be on sale for \$10.

Also available at the celebration are BBQ dinners consisting of barbecue pork, beans, cole slaw, chips, a roll and drink for \$6. Dinners may be picked up at Ernie Mills Park between 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Dinners can be purchased in

advance at Dunnellon City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, Badcock and More, Local Legends Sports Grill, Bakery and Superior Bank of Dunnellon.

Citrus Storm softball holding tryouts July 24

The Citrus Storm 12-and-under travel softball team is holding tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness.

Bring softball-appropriate clothes and gear to work out in.

Lecanto to hold sports physicals next month

Lecanto High School will hold its annual sports physical exams from 3-4:30 p.m. Aug. 3 in the LHS gym.

Cost is \$15. Money raised will be used by the General Athletics fund of LHS.

Middle school students are welcome. Parents and guardians must attend.

The 2010-11 physical packets are online at www.citrus.k12.fl.us/lhs/ or in the front office of the high school.

Golf tourney to benefit Cystic Fibrosis

The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa is holding its first-ever fundraiser golf tournament and luncheon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Aug. 21 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament is a four-person scramble format and teams are encouraged to enter.

If you would like to compete but do not have a team, Plantation will place any individual on a team.

A \$65 donation per person will include a round of golf, cart and lunch. There will be raffles, long ball and closest pin prizes and a free golf gift.

Check can be made payable to Bill Sizemore and sent to: 2555 N. Virginia Road, Crystal River, FL, 34428.

— From staff reports

2007, Daniel Summerhays won the inaugural event to become the first amateur champion in tour history... The Cox Classic is next week in Omaha, Neb., followed by the Wichita Open.

Other Tournaments

MEN

- U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION:** U.S. Junior Amateur, through Saturday, Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada, Mich.
- JAPAN GOLF TOUR:** Nagashima Shigeo Invitational Soga Sammy Cup, Thursday-Sunday, The North Country Golf Club, Hokkaido, Japan.
- PGA EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR:** English Challenge, Thursday-Sunday, The Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf & Spa, Colchester, England.

WOMEN

- U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION:** U.S. Girls' Junior, through Saturday, The Country Club of North Carolina, Dogwood Course, Pinehurst, N.C., N.C. Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.; Saturday, 4-6 a.m., 4-6 p.m.; Sunday, midnight-2 a.m.).
- DURAMED FUTURES TOUR:** The International at Concord, Friday-Sunday, Beaver Meadow Golf Course, Concord, N.H.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Texas minor league OF Cristian Santana (Hickory-SAL) 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Chris Tillman to Norfolk (IL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated INF Asdrubal Cabrera from the 60-day DL. Designated RHP Jensen Lewis for assignment.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Placed 3B Brandon Inge on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Casey Fien from Toledo (IL).
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Recalled RHP Sean O'Sullivan and RHP Trevor Bell from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned OF Cory Aldridge to Salt

Schools, agents on notice amid NCAA investigations

Organization looking at four universities

Associated Press

Southern California was slapped with a two-year bowl ban last month. Now North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida are acknowledging that the NCAA has taken a look at their athletic departments.

All four situations appear to involve possible wrongdoing involving athletes and agents.

Is the NCAA suddenly cracking down on this sometimes-seamy side of college athletics?

Rachel Newman-Baker, director of agent, gambling and amateurism activities for the NCAA, won't go that far. But she said the organization believes it is making progress.

"I think people are kind of tired of sitting around and watching some of these abuses, and so I think you're starting to see that there's more and more people that are willing to talk," she said. "I do think we have been able in the last couple years to develop much stronger information related to potential violations. ... People understand that something will be done with that information, and they feel comfortable sharing it."

The NCAA clearly welcomes help from would-be whistle-blowers, in part because relationships between agents and college athletes are so difficult to police.

The NCAA bars players from striking agreements with agents if they want to retain amateur status, and there are strict guidelines against accepting benefits — well-known rules mostly because they're the ones

broken in such high-profile fashion.

USC's penalties stemmed from improper benefits given to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush by fledgling sports marketers. Then, in just the last week, reports have surfaced that North Carolina and Florida's football programs were being looked at in connection with possibly improper contact with agents — and a South Carolina player was being questioned in connection with the North Carolina probe.

The USC case sent a message that there may be little leniency when it comes to these issues, outside experts say.

"We'll see what kind of evidence the NCAA is able to dig up," said Darren Heitner, CEO of Dynasty Athlete Representation. "If there's a lot of chatter, and nothing gets done about it, then there will be real issues with the NCAA being a legitimate institution. They have to take this seriously."

And with the NCAA taking it seriously, schools have extra incentive to make sure their houses are in order. Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive says his league brought in consultant Joe Mendes to meet with officials at all 12 schools, and several have retained him in an effort to help athletes avoid violations.

And agents take notice as well whenever there's a show of toughness from the NCAA.

"About 10 or 15 years ago we had the same kind of situation ... where there was a crackdown. They felt the behavior was getting out of control, and they stepped in, but it's been a decade now since that happened," said Tony Agnone, who represents about two dozen NFL players. "Any time you subject

an institution to this kind of situation, it always works. It lets people know that there's some people that are checking up on it."

Newman-Baker said players need to be educated on what is allowed — and the NCAA needs to do some basic detective work to make sure its regulations are being followed.

That means networking with professional leagues, players' associations, coaches and agents themselves.

"You're only as good as the information that people are willing to share with you. Obviously, you have to spend some time with people that are in the know, that have the knowledge about what's going on out there in the world," she said.

It remains to be seen whether the current probes will turn up any wrongdoing, but with the college football season just around the corner the issue has moved to the forefront.

Last week, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation requiring government licensing for sports agents who want to represent students. More than three dozen states have similar legislation in place.

Now, the question is whether all this extra scrutiny can help clean up an occasionally shady area of college sports. Mark Bartelstein, who has represented players in the NBA and NFL, said if regulations aren't enforced well, those who abide by them can end up at a disadvantage.

He hopes the NCAA is doing everything it can to monitor his fellow agents. "It would be great if they did," he said.

AP Sports Writer John Zenor in Birmingham, Ala., contributed to this report.

SEC

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to re-examine some of the NCAA rules that relate to agents," he said. "I have felt for a long time that it would be helpful to be able to provide student-athletes with more information and more opportunities to learn what their professional potential might be than is currently allowed by NCAA rules."

Florida coach Urban Meyer — and Pouncey's brother, Mike — are scheduled to appear at media day this afternoon.

Slive said the SEC had already taken steps to help member schools deal with agent issues before the recent NCAA investigations.

The league brought in consultant Joe Mendes earlier this year to meet with officials at all 12 institutions, "and several have retained him to help provide the kind of information and knowledge that our student-athletes need to make good decisions about their future," Slive said. "And to do it the right way and not in violation of NCAA rules."

National champion Alabama is among the schools enlisting the services of Mendes, a longtime NFL

executive who was vice president of football operations for the Washington Redskins. He now runs Cornerstone Sports Consulting in Leesburg, Va.

Slive steered clear of another hot-button topic — conference expansion — in his first interview since Nebraska and Colorado opted to bolt from the Big 12 for the Big Ten and Pac-10, respectively, and Boise State headed to the Mountain West. He said he would address that briefly at the podium today.

Slive and the SEC were quiet players in that movement. Oklahoma president David Boren said the SEC extended offers to his school and Texas A&M.

The ongoing police investigation of a bar brawl in Knoxville, Tenn., involving several Volunteer football players is another black eye for the SEC.

All of the negative publicity is taking some of the luster off the big preseason event for a league that won its fourth consecutive national football title and divvied up \$209 million among the 12 members last year.

"I'm always concerned when there are issues off the field that (put focus) off the field rather than on the play on the field," Slive said.

On the field, the SEC has enjoyed tremendous success.

And Slive isn't reticent when it comes to touting it. LSU, Florida and Alabama have captured the last four national titles — with the Gators winning two.

"That's an extraordinary achievement," Slive said. "It's particularly extraordinary when you think about it's been with three different teams. As extraordinary as it is, another one wouldn't hurt."

Having a 12-team league and championship game didn't hurt, either. It matched No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Alabama last year in what amounted to a playoff game — or at least a plus-one format that Slive pushed a year earlier. Adding teams could lead to similar title games in the Pac-10 and Big Ten.

"I can't put myself in somebody else's shoes, but clearly our championship game over the last several years has been of significant benefit to our league," Slive said. "And last year, with the 1-2 teams playing in our game, all of a sudden we found ourselves with a plus-one. Not the kind of plus-one that I had envisioned but we're still talking about a plus-one."

DEVILS

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Kovalchuk dismissed money as a main factor in his decision to stay with New Jersey. He instead cited long-term security for him and his family and the opportunity to win the Stanley Cup with an organization that boasts three titles in 15 seasons.

Kovalchuk's contract would have topped the 15-year deal goalie Rick DiPietro got from the New York Islanders, and two-time NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin's 13-year pact with Washington.

Kovalchuk was to earn \$6 million each of the next two seasons, \$11.5 million for

the following five seasons, \$10.5 million in the 2017-18 season, \$8.5 million for the 2018-19 season, \$6.5 million in 2019-20, \$3.5 million in 2020-21, \$750,000 the following season, and \$550,000 for the final five years of the unprecedented deal.

The Devils would have absorbed an annual salary-cap hit of \$6 million — the average amount per season. That number was brought down because of the extended years at low salary at the end.

Whether he and the Devils can get together on a new deal remains to be seen. The Los Angeles Kings and the Russian KHL were also interested in signing Kovalchuk before he reached agreement with the Devils

two weeks into the free agent shopping season.

Few expected that New Jersey would break from tradition of not handing out long-term contracts that have become popular in the NHL since the lockout ended in 2005 and the salary-cap era began. Now that the Devils did that, their efforts quickly failed.

Kovalchuk's time with the Thrashers ended once he rejected a 12-year, \$101 million extension with Atlanta. He totaled 41 goals and 44 assists last season when he earned \$7.5 million, but posted only 10 goals and 17 assists with the Devils. Kovalchuk had two goals and four assists during New Jersey's five-game, first-round playoff loss to Philadelphia.

Different sports play at Fenway

Green Monster to host soccer game today

Associated Press

BOSTON — It's just past noon, and fans are lining up along Yawkey Way to get into Fenway Park. First pitch is seven hours away, but that's not really an issue because this Boston Red Sox game, like the 597 before it, is sold out.

These fans are waiting to tour the ballpark, paying \$12 apiece to see the Green Monster without Ted Williams or Yaz or even Daniel Nava patrolling the grass in front. In all, almost 350,000 people will pass through the turnstiles this year without seeing a baseball game.

The oldest ballpark in the major leagues, Fenway is approaching its 100th birthday with what could be its busiest year ever, starting on New Year's Day with the NHL Winter Classic and continuing tonight with "Football at Fenway," a soccer match between European clubs Glasgow Celtic and Sporting Lisbon.

In addition, there are concerts and college and minor-league baseball games and, of course, 81 regular-season Red Sox games, with the potential for more in the playoffs.

"We think Fenway Park is a great place to go in the summer with the kids," said Sam Kennedy, the Red Sox executive vice president and chief operating officer. "We're in the business of selling the brand of baseball, but the soccer crowd is an opportunity for 30,000 new people to experience Fenway Park."

Since the ownership group led by John Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino bought the team in 2002, the Red Sox have given Fenway a total makeover, putting seats atop the Green Monster, turning Yawkey Way into a plaza game days and modernizing the ballpark in hundreds of other ways from waterproofing to wheelchair accessibility.

During that span, the ballclub has also won two World Series and reached the playoffs in all but two seasons while selling out every game since May 15, 2003 — a record streak that reached 600 on Sunday.

The success on and off the field left them looking for other ways to expand their business. And they quickly realized that the most underutilized asset they had was the "lyric little bandbox of a ballpark" that was christened the same week in 1912 that the Titanic sank.

"Immediately after we got here, we recognized that there was this great facility sitting here year-round that we controlled and operated," said Kennedy, who also serves as president of the business spinoff Fenway Sports Group. "We have the luxury of looking at new opportunities because our core business is so strong. But we never take our focus away from the core business."

They have tried concerts, starting with Bruce Springsteen in 2003 and also including groups like The Rolling Stones and, next month, Aerosmith. They have brought in their minor league affiliates for a "Futures at Fenway" date, hosted the Cape Cod League All-Star Game and turned the field over to the local colleges in the Baseball Beanpot.

Things took off with the Winter Classic, which used Fenway as a picturesque backdrop for the outdoor game between the Boston Bruins and the Philadelphia Flyers.

Finch's Farewell

U.S. Olympian, gold medalist retires from softball after 10 years

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Olympic gold medalist Jennie Finch announced Tuesday that she will retire next month, bringing an end to a 10-year career in which she helped softball blossom in the United States.

The dominating pitcher will play her final games with the U.S. national team this week at the World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City. She'll then finish the rest of the National Pro Fastpitch season with the Chicago Bandits before calling it quits at the age of 29 to focus on her family.

The 6-foot-2 Finch was a standout at Arizona before becoming an icon with the U.S. team, going 32-0 her junior year and putting together 60 consecutive wins — both NCAA records. She won gold at the 2004 Olympics in Athens and silver four years later in Beijing.

This month, she helped the U.S. win its seventh straight world championship.

"This whole career has been way more than I ever even imagined or dreamed," Finch said in an interview with The Associated Press. "The opportunities that I'd be able to enjoy and appreciate and be a part of, it's been incredible."

Finch was much more than a pretty face as she took over for Lisa Fernandez as the most recognized player in a sport enjoying growing popularity. Her 60-game run stretched over nearly two years and included the 2001 WCWS title, a dominance that carried over to the national team, where she combined with the likes of Fernandez and Cat Osterman to make up the world's best pitching rotation through the early part of the decade.

"For Jennie Finch, she's a stud on the field and everyone's going to love her while she's playing but no one is going to forget her because of the person that she is," U.S. outfielder Jessica Mendoza said. "That is what she has over almost any other person that's at the top of their sport."



Jennie Finch, left, holds her individual plaque and her son, Ace, following the World Cup of Softball championship game July 20, 2009, in Oklahoma City. She is retiring next month to focus more time with her family.



Photos by Associated Press

United States pitcher Jennie Finch winds up during a women's softball game against Canada on Aug. 18, 2004, at the Summer Olympics in Athens. Olympic gold medalist Jennie Finch plans to retire next month and bring an end to a 10-year career in which she helped the sport blossom in the United States.

"She's the most popular person in our sport. How many other sports can you say that their most popular player is the best person to the fans than anyone else?"

Coupled with her softball skills, Finch's beauty and charm landed her a place in pop culture. She struck out some of the big leagues' best hitters in appearances on "This Week in Baseball," competed on "Celebrity Apprentice" and made the rounds on late-night talk shows.

"She set the standard for softball in a new era of being able to be feminine and play this sport," Mendoza said. "Not that you have to be feminine to play this sport, but I see hundreds of thousands of little girls now with glitter headbands, hot pink bats, makeup. I'm not saying that every girl has to do that but when I was growing up, it wasn't like that."

"She has created a new era of softball player, and it's for those softball players — those little girls out there — that want to be cutesy with the bows and the glitter and still be that dirty jock. Covered head to toe in dirt but she's got her hair all perfect with a bow."

Finch, who will turn 30 in September, said it's time to turn her focus to

her family. She and pitcher Casey Daigle, who has split this season between the Houston Astros and Triple-A Round Rock, have a 4-year-old son, Ace, and hope to have more children.

The couple have spent about two weeks together at their Arizona home over the past year, Finch said, and the world championships in Venezuela meant 14 days away from her family.

"I just feel like it gets harder and harder every year with Ace getting older and time away from my husband and even family events such as birthdays and friends' weddings and things that I've always just missed out on because of softball," Finch said.

While many of her veteran teammates walked away from the game after the U.S. lost to Japan in the gold-medal game in 2008, Finch stuck around and helped with an unsuccessful bid to get softball added back into the Olympics. It won't be played at the 2012 or 2016 games.

As one of few veterans left, she became a team leader as the Americans re-established themselves as the No. 1 team in the world.

"She's such a great ambassador for that," U.S. coach Jay Miller said. "That's going to be the most difficult thing to replace."

TOUR

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"I believe he really wanted to go for that stage today," he said. "For myself, I would have been really happy if he had won that stage because he really deserved it," he said.

Second place went to France's Sandy Casar, with Spain's Ruben Plaza third.

The stage featured two climbs that are so difficult they aren't even classified by cycling's governing body. The leading group finished the race in 5 hours, 31 minutes, 43 seconds. The stragglers were almost 35 minutes behind.

It was the third successive French victory in this year's race and the sixth in all.

"It was my day. Everything smiled on me," said Fedrigo, who also won a stage in 2009 and 2006 and has regularly been part of breakaways in this year's race. "This shows that it isn't only the great leaders who can win on the Tour de France, it's also the general riders."

Schleck was unable to get away from Contador and make up the time he desperately needs to regain the yellow jersey and build a buffer for Saturday's time trial, where Contador is expected to excel.

Schleck had been furious with Contador after Monday's stage. He felt the Spaniard should have



Associated Press

George Hincapie of the U.S., left, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, wearing the best young rider's white jersey, and Alberto Contador of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey climb Aubisque pass during the 16th stage of the Tour de France, which treks across more than 124 miles from Bagnères-de-Luchon to Pau, Pyrenees region, France.

Glance at 16th stage of Tour de France

■ **Winner:** Pierrick Fedrigo of France made it three French victories in a row after winning a sprint among seven riders in a breakaway, including Lance Armstrong. Second was Sandy Casar of France, with Ruben Plaza of Spain third.

■ **Next stage:** Today is a rest day. Thursday is the final day in the Pyrenees, and it ends at the top of one of the most famous mountains in cycling. The 108.1-mile 17th stage from Pau to the Col du Tourmalet (ridden in the opposite direction to Tuesday) has the potential to decide the Tour de France.

waited while Schleck dealt with a mechanical problem during the day's main climb. Contador surged ahead but later apologized in a YouTube video. On Tuesday,

the two shook hands on French television. "We are fine now," Schleck said. "The Tour de France isn't going to be won by eight seconds, and

there's going to be a big race between him and me the day after tomorrow."

Today is a rest day. On Thursday, the field turns around and rides the Pyrenees in the other direction, ending on the top of the Col du Tourmalet.

"It's a very, very hard stage and I think we can have very big gaps — probably more than in the time trial," Contador said.

Tuesday was a good day for Norway's Thor Hushovd, who finished in 10th place and picked up enough points to retake the green jersey worn by the top sprinter.

Agent accepts job with Suns

Babby becomes president of basketball operations

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Prominent sports agent Lon Babby is taking a pay cut, probably a significant one, to become president of basketball operations for the Phoenix Suns, a job he called "the opportunity of a lifetime."

The 59-year-old attorney was introduced at a news conference Tuesday at US Airways Center. His initial task will be to hire a general manager.

"I'm going to play to my strengths. I know what I'm good at, I know what I'm not good at," Babby said. "I've never told anybody I was Red Auerbach. I have no expectation of taking the lead on those kind of talent evaluation questions. My first order of priority is to bring somebody in here who is a basketball genius."

Suns owner Robert Sarver said the hiring of an agent for a top front-office position is "venturing outside the norm a little bit" but he believes Babby's experience representing at various times ownership and players gives him "a unique insight into this business."

Babby's clients included the Suns' Grant Hill, San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Boston's Ray Allen. He also represented recent Suns acquisition Hedo Turkoglu but said he stepped aside while the trade to Phoenix was being discussed.

"When I began to sense that there might be an opportunity for me here, I immediately recused myself from those discussions," Babby said, "... to avoid being in a situation where someone could accuse me of steering somebody in one way or another."

NBA BRIEFS

Juwan Howard secures deal with Miami Heat

MIAMI — Free agent forward Juwan Howard has been signed by the Miami Heat.

Howard originally signed with Miami in July 1996, agreeing to a seven-year, \$100 million deal that was voided by the NBA because the Heat exceeded its salary cap.

Almost 14 years to the day later, Howard agreed again, and will begin his 17th NBA season this fall.

For his career, Howard has averaged 14.3 points and 6.5 rebounds. Among active players, he ranks fourth in games (1,116), 15th in points (15,957) and 10th in rebounds (7,251).

AP Source: Matthews signing inevitable

PORTLAND, Ore. — A person close to the negotiations says the Trail Blazers have reached an agreement to sign restricted free agent guard Wesley Matthews.

The source, who did not want to be identified because the deal is not yet official, expected Matthews to sign the contract either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

The Utah Jazz did not match the Blazers' offer for Matthews. The financial terms have not been disclosed.

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Spotlight on PEOPLE

Lohan begins jail sentence

LYNWOOD, Calif. — **Lindsay Lohan** entered a Los Angeles County women's jail Tuesday to begin serving a 90-day sentence for a probation violation that is likely to be whittled down to a few weeks.

Her arrival in an unmarked Sheriff's Department car on Tuesday morning at the Century Regional Detention Facility in the industrial suburb of Lynwood, Calif., came about an hour after she surrendered and was handcuffed across town in a Beverly Hills courtroom.

A judge determined two weeks ago that the "Mean Girls" star violated her probation by missing seven alcohol education classes since December.

Sheriff's officials have said Lohan would be placed in an isolation cell at the jail, where she will spend most of her time and take her meals.

Geena Davis gets political spot

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger** on Tuesday appointed actress **Geena Davis** to a California commission established to promote women's equality.

Schwarzenegger named the 54-year-old actress to the Commission on the Status of Women. The non-partisan panel advocates for women and girls in areas such as education and access to health care.

Davis, a Democrat, has worked off screen to reduce gender stereotyping. She is the founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in the Media and is a partner with United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Bullock renews restraining order

LOS ANGELES — **Sandra Bullock** obtained a temporary restraining order Monday against a 41-year-old man accused of stalking the Oscar-winning actress since 2003.

Bullock's attorney obtained the protective order against **Thomas James Weldon**, who has been the subject of previous court orders to stay away from the actress.

Bullock first obtained a restraining order in California against Weldon in 2003. He voluntarily entered a mental institution in Tennessee. According to the court filing, Weldon turned up in a Wyoming emergency room last month, where he told hospital staff he had driven from Tennessee in an attempt to meet Bullock at her home in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

—From wire reports

THE FORCE IS WITH THEM

Storm troopers come over from the Dark Side to help charity

SANDY COHEN
AP entertainment writer

LOS ANGELES — On the outside, they all look the same: White armor, white helmets, black blaster rifles. Imperial soldiers from a galaxy far, far away, they're loyal only to the Empire and recognizable everywhere as "Star Wars" storm troopers.

Inside, though, are different stories. Those armored clones are lovingly occupied by moms, dads, doctors, cops, lawyers, exterminators, artists and other passionate "Star Wars" fans who devote thousands of dollars and countless hours to building screen-accurate costumes and wearing them all over the world to support the beloved franchise, as well as dozens of children's charities.

They are the 501st Legion, an international, all-volunteer costuming group. And this week, they're coming to Comic-Con.

"It's a major event for us every year," says Christi Ladnier, 42, a mother of three who will be wearing an eight-years-in-the-making homemade Boba Fett costume. (Legion members dress as all kinds of "Star Wars" characters, with storm troopers the most popular.)

At least 200 members of the group — which boasts nearly 5,000 members in 40 countries — will be in full costume at the annual pop-culture festival, held Thursday through Sunday at the San Diego Convention Center.

Comic-Con is just one of dozens of events Legion members attend each year: A major supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Legion members also lend their Imperial glory to children's hospitals, the Ronald McDonald House, the American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and March of Dimes. They've appeared in commercials, marched alongside "Star Wars" creator George Lucas in the Tournament of Roses parade and handed out Halloween candy at the White House.

Charity is at the heart of the 501st Legion, and friendship and fandom are its soul, but it really comes down to the costumes.

Their storm trooper outfits aren't store bought, nor are they cheap, and they must be identical to what's in the original films to be good enough. The Legion's standards division assesses the screen-accuracy of each member's attire.

Storm trooper armor is made from vacuum-formed plastic, heated in home ovens and poured over molds meticulously sculpted based on careful analysis of the characters on screen. The artisans who make the outfits are Legion members themselves, and they sell their work for practically no profit under a unique agreement with Lucasfilm, owner of the "Star Wars" franchise.

The company allows the fan group to use its intellectual property without fee or fine so long as the costumes, T-shirts and collectible coins that result are strictly for Legion members.

"It's an extended family," says Steve Sansweet, Lucasfilm's director of content management, describing copyright concerns as "a non-issue" with the 501st Legion.

Marcelo Gallo, 43, of Riverside, Calif., discovered hidden artistic talents when he decided to make his own storm trooper helmet. A married father of five and owner of a pest-control business, he spent his free time researching how to make molds and vacuum form plastic. Now he's built hundreds of helmets for fellow members and charity auctions.

"Sometimes I wish I could do this every day, but I can't make it a top priority in my life because it's not a source of income," he says, adding that any money he makes goes back into the club and his costume.

Mike Ozeroglu, 36, of Glendale, Calif., a radiation therapy physicist with the U.S. Navy, ended up doing all the leatherwork on his Jango Fett costume.

"It's not something that you can just buy. You pretty much have to make it yourself," he says.

While he loves to "geek out on 'Star Wars' fandom," he says the real reward is bringing joy to sick kids.

"The most fun is where we go off to the hospitals," he says. "The kids really think you're the character most of the time. It's fun to go in there and cheer them up a little bit. The following Monday I'm there as a staff officer and no-

body knows I was there over the weekend."

Though the helmets can get hot, they also help hide emotions and keep these costumed fans firmly in character, says Ladnier, who lives in Highland, Calif. "Sometimes you're glad you have a bucket on your head because you just start welling up."

The costume itself also can be uncomfortable.

A Comic-Con attendee dressed as a Star Wars storm trooper poses for a photo at the 2009 Comic-Con in San Diego.

Associated Press

ON THE NET

- <http://501st.com/>
- <http://www.galactic-academy.com/>

able. Beneath the armor, which breaks down into some 60 pieces, members wear long-sleeved shirts and leggings, plus a swath of fabric around their necks. It takes around 20 minutes to get in costume. Wearers can be a bit clumsy, too, since the helmets obscure peripheral vision.

But owning and wearing the storm trooper suit is the ultimate fan experience, says Los Angeles attorney Lawrence Green.

"Some people collect action figures," he says. "We get to BE action figures."

Doing charity work began as an afterthought, says Legion founder Albin Johnson, but is now at the core of the group's activities.

"We had to find things for people to do in armor," says the 41-year-old.



Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, **Page B4**.

MONDAY, JULY 19

Fantasy 5: 3 - 7 - 10 - 26 - 36
5-of-5 5 winners \$38,886.77
4-of-5 322 \$97
3-of-5 9,904 \$8.50

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Fantasy 5: 1 - 7 - 11 - 15 - 26
5-of-5 4 winners \$42,285
4-of-5 399 \$68
3-of-5 9,993 \$7.50

SATURDAY, JULY 17

Powerball: 22 - 27 - 35 - 37 - 45
Powerball: 3
5-of-5 PB No winners
5-of-5 6 \$200,000
Lotto: 18 - 38 - 40 - 43 - 46 - 52
6-of-6 No winners
5-of-6 16 \$11,980.50
4-of-6 1,906 \$88
3-of-6 38,440 \$6
Fantasy 5: 5 - 6 - 15 - 22 - 35
5-of-5 1 winner \$255,735.12
4-of-5 367 \$112
3-of-5 11,272 \$10

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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

Today in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2010. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On July 21, 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

On this date:

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: Special Counsel John C. Danforth concluded "with 100 percent certainty" that the federal government was innocent of wrongdoing in the siege that killed 80 members of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

Five years ago: Sudanese security officers roughed up members of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's entourage; Rice demanded and got an apology.

One year ago: Prosecutors in Cambridge, Mass. dropped a disorderly conduct charge against prominent black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested by a white officer at his home near Harvard University after a report of a break-in.

Today's Birthdays: Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 72. Actor David Downing is 67. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 62. Cartoonist Gary Trudeau is 62. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 59. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 53. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 32. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 21.

Thought for Today: "There is no bigotry like that of 'free thought' run to seed." — Horace Greeley, American journalist (1811-1872).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Today's Birthday: There is a good chance that you might establish some goals in the year ahead that are a complete departure from what you've set in the past, which is OK if they are taking you to grand places. What you envision can be achieved.
Cancer (June 21-July 22) — It might take far greater discipline than usual to finish what you start today. If you don't want to leave a mess in your wake, you had better stay on top of whatever you take on.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Generally, you're pretty careful about what you say about others, but today some flippant negative comments could be taken more seriously than usual. Mean what you say and say only what you mean.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although there are plenty of substantial material opportunities hovering about you today, you will need a sharp eye to detect them. Unless you are seriously looking for them, you could easily miss them.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Those in your charge will easily be

able to discern whether you are being tough or just pretending when you give them orders today. You'll have to really mean it for your dictates are to be followed.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Overhearing a disclosure that is meant to be confidential could put you on track to something quite beneficial if you are sharp enough to pick up on it and know how to constructively use it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Prompting from an acquaintance could cause you to behave in an abrasive manner to someone who doesn't really deserve it. Don't be hoodwinked into believing what isn't true.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If an ambitious plan you've been contemplating is prematurely exposed today, it could easily weaken your position. Guard your important intentions more carefully.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Be careful not to allow someone who is famous for making waves draw you into one of his/her intrigues today. If you participate, you will be the one

who ends up looking like the perpetrator.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Success in a collective situation will not be enhanced by a large number of participants today. Only people with talent and know-how will be able to pull off what everybody is hoping.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Generally you are one who nearly always thinks for yourself, but today this splendid quality won't be visible. Although you rarely do so, you will let bias influence your opinions at this time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Check to see if it is a selfish reason that is causing you to step out of character. Don't make one set of rules for yourself, while making an entirely different set for everybody else.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Generally speaking you are noticed wherever you go, regardless of what you are doing or who you are with, so make sure the impression you make today isn't a negative one.



Special to the Chronicle

One of the highlights at Uncle Donald's Farm in Lady Lake is petting the animals that roam the farm.

On this farm

Uncle Donald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. • In 1980, "Uncle Donald" Morris and his wife, "Aunt Wanda," opened their 50-acre farm in Lady Lake to the public. • The working farm is run by the three Morris sisters, Beth, Donna and Jeanette, who take turns leading tours through the animal exhibits in between doing their regular farm chores. • "People today, even adults, are very urbanized these days and many of them don't realize that eggs don't come from Styrofoam cartons," said Donna Morris. "Some adults have never seen a real turkey outside of what they buy at the market or have sliced at the deli. They don't realize that it's the female cow or goat that produces milk." • Located about 40 miles from Citrus County in Lady Lake near The Villages, Uncle Donald's Farm offers a hands-on, day-on-the-farm experience for kids of all ages. • Here are five ways to engage your senses at Uncle Donald's Farm:

See cows in the pasture and up close during a hayride on an enclosed wagon pulled by a tractor. Riders can grab a handful of hay and feed the cows that come right up to the wagon. Look out for ostriches and llamas on the hayride, too, and peacocks chasing each other across the barnyard.

Hayrides run at 10:45 a.m., noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m.

See also the wildlife rescue area with Florida panthers and birds of prey. Inside the barn you can see a ball python, an iguana and a baby alligator.

During the Animal Encounter program, watch one of the Morris sisters demonstrate how to milk a goat — then watch as members of the audience try it.

Animal Encounter programs are at 11 a.m., 12:30, 2 and 3:15 p.m. in the Red Barn.

Hear lots of farm sounds: chickens clucking, turkeys gobbling, geese honking, cows mooing, donkeys braying and sheep and goats bleating.

"A pig's squeal is noisier than a jet engine," Donna Morris said.

Some other bits of educational information to listen for: "A 'lamb' becomes a 'sheep' after its first birthday," "Goats have four stomachs," "American chickens lay green eggs" and "Anything that can eat can bite, so watch your fingers."

Although guests are encouraged to feed many of the animals in the barnyard area and the poultry patch, not all animals can be fed. Listen carefully to the staff as they point out the "Do Not Feed" signs. For the health and safety of all the animals, only animal food from the farm is allowed.

Touch a pig's wiry bristles. Pet a bunny rabbit that, according to 8 1/2-year-old Caroline Smith, visiting from Alexandria, Va., "feels like velvet."

The barnyard petting area offers hands-on opportunities for owners of all sizes to handle goats, sheep, horses, donkeys, a big fluffy white dog named Shellee, cats Spike and Ike and other



A hayride around the farm is a treat for guests and for the cows in the field.

assorted farm animals that may be wandering around.

When you're done touching, visit the hand-washing area, a line of basins, soap and spigots of running water. As the sign reads: "Don't be a dope. Wash with soap! Some of these critters have germs."

Smell real farm smells, pleasant and unpleasant — hay, wet grass, flowers, animals. Bring a picnic lunch and fill the shaded courtyard and picnic area with the aroma of fresh bread or chocolate-chip cookies.

Sniff out a bargain at Aunt Wanda's

Mercantile, a gift shop where you can purchase food for the animals, feathers or a bag of wool for a souvenir, T-shirts and hats, candy, snacks and even a rubber snake.

Taste the fun of a day on the farm and mark your calendar to come back in October, when Uncle Donald's Farm hosts a pumpkin patch and hay maze and family-friendly Halloween activities such as a creepy crawly barn full of reptiles and a nighttime "walk on the wild side" through the wildlife area.

Each Fourth of July, the farm hosts an annual patriotic parade of animals. Children are invited to decorate the farm's animals with hats, bandanas and pompoms to make living floats, then lead them in a parade around the barnyard.

Info Uncle Donald's Farm of Lady Lake can be found at 2713 Griffin Ave. The farm is open year round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The farm is also open from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays in February, March and April.

Closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Call for other holiday hours and the September schedule (the farm staff takes a vacation in September).

Admission is \$10.50 plus tax for adults, \$9.50 plus tax for children ages 3 through 12 and seniors 60 and older. Children age 2 and younger admitted for free.

The group rate for 15 people or more is \$8.75 each. Group reservations are required.

Restrooms are located outside the gift shop. Pony rides are available for children under 80 pounds and 54 inches. Free parking is available.

For more information or a complete list of annual events, call (352) 753-2882, e-mail uncledonfarm@aol.com or visit online at www.uncledonaldsfarm.com.

— compiled by Nancy Kennedy

FUNDRAISER

■ Pleasant Grove Elementary School's PTA is launching its 2010/11 **Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign.** This year, the school has set a goal of earning \$3,000 through Box Tops to assist in school events, as well as raising money towards purchasing new playground equipment.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise more than \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment. The Box Tops for Education program offers school supporters three easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. Schools can earn a total of up to \$60,000 each year.

There are several easy ways to get involved. Collect box tops from hundreds of familiar, participating products (if you are a business, we can also provide you with a collection bin) and send them to Pleasant Grove Elementary School, "Attention Cindy Moeller — Box Tops Coordinator" at 630 Pleasant Grove Road, Inverness, FL 34452. You can also sign up on the Box Tops website at boxtops4education.com. Designate Pleasant Grove Elementary as the school you wish to support.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

■ **Help Johnny Scholarship** — Value: \$5,000; available: 1; deadline varies. The scholarship is available to any high school student 19 years old or under as of Oct. 25, 2010, and is renewable. The Help Johnny Scholarship is provided by StudentScholarships.org. For more information, visit www.studentscholarships.org/helpjohnny.php

■ **National Foundation for Women Legislators** — Value: \$3,000; available: 7; deadline: July 30. If you are a female high school junior or senior, class of 2010 or 2011, you are eligible to participate. The seven contest winners will receive a \$3,000 unrestricted scholarship to use toward college tuition at any U.S. college or university and an all-expense-paid trip to NFWL's 2010 Annual Conference, taking place Nov. 18 through Nov. 22. For more information, visit

www.womenlegislators.org/events/scholarsip-program.php.

■ **Teen Travel Writing Scholarship** — Value: \$1,000; available: 3; deadline: Aug. 1. Applicants must be ages 13 to 18 and attending grades 8 through 12 as of May 15. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 1. Applicants must be attending junior high or high school in the United States or Canada, or an American school abroad, or be enrolled in a U.S. home school program. For more information www.travelbig.com/scholarships/SATW.

■ **Flashcard Scholarship** — Value: \$500; available: 1; deadline: Aug. 1. You must be a high school or college student. It can be part time, full time, home school or online, but you must be an actively enrolled student in someone's high school, college or university at the time of your application. For more information, visit www.flashcard-scholarship.com.

■ **Ink Scholarship** — Value: \$2,500; available: 1; deadline: July 31. Students who apply must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a minimum 2.5 grade-point average. High school students and college students are eligible. For more information, visit www.student-scholarships.org/scholarship/9207/ink-scholarship-scholarship.php.

■ **United States Institute of Peace** — Value: \$10,000; available: 50; deadline: Feb. 1, 2011

Students are eligible to participate if they are in grades nine through 12 in any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories, or if they are U.S. citizens attending high school overseas. Students may be attending a public, private, or parochial school. For more information www.usip.org/national-peace-essay-contest/2010-2011-contest.

■ **Take Stock in Children** is a program that helps economically disadvantaged families achieve the goal of going to college.

To be considered for a scholarship, your child must be in public school in grades six, seven, eight or nine, meet the eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug- and alcohol-free and get good grades.

If you would like to find out more information about the program, call Pat Lancaster at 344-0855.

CLASSES AND COURSES

■ The College of Central Florida will offer a **LEGO robotics camp** to middle school students in July.

The Lego Mindstorms Middle School Introductory Robotics Summer Camp will be offered in partnership with the Florida Advanced Technology Education Center at the Ocala campus, 3001 S.W. College Road.

Boys and girls ages 11 to 13 are invited to apply for Camp No. 2, which will be held Monday through Thursday, July 26 to 29. Camps will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Evers Century Center. The \$50 fee includes lunch each day.

The camps will introduce students to the world of robotics and automation. Students will learn how to program Lego Mindstorms robots to follow specific commands and be part of robotic team challenges. They will learn about mathematics, physics and scientific principles required to work with this technology and have the opportunity to examine careers in modern manufacturing where robots are utilized.

Camps are limited to 20 students per session. Applications are available by calling Mercy Alvarado at 352-854-2322, ext. 1693.

■ **The Live Oak Theatre Company**, a not-for-profit, family-oriented theater company, will conduct a summer program July 26 and July 30 at Faith Evangelical Free Church, 5338 Freepoint Drive, Spring Hill.

Camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour lunch. Children must bring their own lunch; healthy snacks will be available. Arrangements can be made for early drop-off. Tuition is \$150 for either weekly session or \$250 for both sessions. Limited partial scholarships are available. The camp is open to children from age eight through 15. Special arrangements may be made for younger children based on interview and audition.

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cepts of musical theater including: Vocal technique, song interpretation, movement to music, auditioning skills, stage make-up and acting skills.

The faculty will include Randi Olsen, Ellen Sanborn, Wayne Cordova and Vince Vanni.

Those who wish to reserve a place for their child may send a \$25 non-refundable deposit, payable to Live Oak Theatre Company, to: Live Oak Theatre Company, c/o Art Sanborn, CFO, 34077 Eiler Boulevard, Webster, FL 33597.

The balance will be due on or before the first day of camp.

For more information, call Randi Olsen at 352-799-5767 or e-mail Randi@liveoaktheatre.org.

■ **Ocala Civic Theatre's 2010 Winter/Spring Class Schedule** is now available. To receive a copy in the mail, please call (352) 236-2274 or stop by the theater, which is located at 4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd. (E. State Road 40) to pick one up. The brochure is also available on the theater's website at www.ocalacivictheatre.com.

Financial aid is available to students who demonstrate true financial need. Financial assistance is based on financial need and not on merit, talent or abilities.

For additional information about Ocala Civic Theatre youth programs, please call Director of Education Mandy Seymore at (352) 236-2851, ext. 107.

■ **Classes at Whispering Pines Park.** Unless otherwise noted, classes are conducted at the Whispering Pines Park Recreation Building, 1700 Forest Drive in Inverness. To register for a program, sign up prior to the class time at the Whispering Pines Park Administration Office. For a class requiring supplies, a list will be provided at the time of registration.

For more information, call 726-3913 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Additional information on city of Inverness programming and facilities may be found by visiting www.inverness-fl.gov.

● Fishing Workshop — 9 to 11 a.m. the third Friday monthly, fee \$20.

● Introduction to Yoga — 6:40 to

8 p.m. Tuesdays, fee \$25 for five classes.

● Yoga — 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, fee \$25 for five classes.

● Crochet — 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, fee \$15 for a six-week class.

● Sewing — Wednesdays; fee \$36 for two hours 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. or \$54 for three hours 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

● Tennis lessons — fee is \$25 per hour, or 10 hours of individual lessons for \$200.

● Racquetball lessons — fee is \$30 per hour.

■ The Citrus County Parks and Recreation Division is offering a class in the hottest, latest **line dances** with instructor Terri Alexander at two sites. No partners are needed and all ages are welcome.

Classes at the Citrus Springs Community Center, Citrus Springs, will be Wednesdays, ongoing, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Beginners, and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for Intermediates. The cost is \$5 per session.

Classes at the Citrus County Auditorium in Inverness will be Tuesdays, ongoing from 6 to 7 p.m. for the Improver class and from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. for Beginners. The cost will be \$5 per session. The Improver class is for those dancers who have had some previous experience or have attended beginner level classes.

Register online at www.citruscountyfl.org. Click on "Parks & Recreation," then "Online registration" to complete the checkout process. Registration can also be done at the door. For more information, call (352) 465-7007.

■ The public is welcome to **Ballroom Dance Classes** at the Beverly Hills Recreation Center, 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. You do not need a partner to participate. Classes are free for members of the association, and nonmembers pay \$3 per class. No need to pre-register. Call the office at 746-4882 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

■ The public is invited to **line dancing classes** Thursdays. Beginner class is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Members must show membership card and nonmembers pay \$3 per class.

Put on a comfortable pair of dancing shoes or boots — leather bottoms — and join the fun. Call the Recreation Center at 746-4882 or Bonnie at 527-3738.

Also, the public is invited to join

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Chalk Talk



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What's the big deal, Mom? It's just a tattoo!

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One day your kid wants a new bike. The next day, a new cell phone. Before you know it, your little darling is as tall as you are, demanding pierced ears or even a tattoo.

Pierced ears, you say, what's the big deal? In some cultures, girls get earrings as infants! But how do you feel about pierced ears for a boy? Or five holes in one ear for a girl?

As for tattoos, these statistics might surprise you: 22 percent of women and 26 percent of men said they had tattoos in a 2004 survey published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. The numbers are higher among young adults: Tattoos were reported by 36 percent of 18- to 25-year-olds and 40 percent of 26- to 40-year-olds in a Pew Research Center survey from 2006.

But among 41- to 65-year-olds — the demographic most likely to have teenage children — only 10 percent reported having tattoos.

So how do parents of teens, most of whom probably don't have body art or untraditional piercings themselves, cope with kids who want nothing more than to look like LeBron James? Tattoos and earrings didn't hurt his job prospects, so can you really argue that nobody will hire your child because of a flower on the shoulder or a stud in one ear?

Shelley Davis Mielock, who works with colleges and corporations on dress codes as part of her image-consulting business in Lansing, Mich., says parents should point out that tattoos and unusual piercings are still frowned upon in some industries and segments of corporate America. Disney employees, for example, are not permitted to have visible tattoos.

"At 17, 19 or 20, you don't know what your future holds," said Mielock. "I am not against tattoos or self-expression, but other people are going to form perceptions of you based on these things. I recommend if you're going to get a tattoo, get it where you can cover it up."

Mielock has two tattoos, but has not allowed her 17-year-old son to get one. "He argues that I am being a hypocrite, but this is a decision I made as an adult and I made it knowing the perception other people could have," she said.

Parents should also research state laws. Some states prohibit minors from being tattooed altogether; others permit minors to get tattoos only if they have parental permission or if a parent is present.

You might also point out that tattoos are not as easily discarded as video games or out-of-style shoes. J. Kim Wright told her daughter, then 15 and living in Chapel Hill, N.C., that she could get a tattoo as soon as she wanted the same design for a whole year. "She wanted Betty Boop for a few months. Then Tweety. She is now 26 and has no tattoos," said Wright.

Kathy Sussell, like many parents, made the argument that as long as her teenagers were dependent on her financially, they had to live by her rules. "It's my house," said Sussell, of Brooklyn, N.Y. "If they needed to get pierced or tattooed, they could find another place to live." Her kids are now 20 and 23, "and I think they are happy today not to have tattoos."

But aside from rational reasons — legalities, health, future careers — experts say it's also OK for parents to simply set limits based on what matters to them.

"I am not a believer in giving in to all kids' demands," said Dr. Fran Walfish, a family psychotherapist in Beverly Hills, Calif. "You say that the rules and practices are different in every family, and until you're 18 years old, it's a bummer, but this is what our family believes."

She added that "nobody likes to be told what to do, or forced or over-controlled, so you need to say it clearly, but with empathy for how hard it is to be told what to do."

Maggie Macaulay, a parent educator and parent coach with an organization called Redirecting Children's Behavior in South Florida, also recommends setting reasonable limits while "side-stepping the power struggles when it comes to issues like this with teenagers. Make it a discussion so it isn't laying down the law."

You might ask your child why he or she is so interested in earrings or a tattoo. If you think you might agree to, say, pierced ears when the child is older, Macaulay recommends saying, "I am not ready for you to do that now," while promising to reconsider in six months or a year.

Some parents have a more relaxed view. Dianne Sikel of Phoenix, Ariz., allowed her 7-year-old son to get his ear pierced. "He's now 10 and rarely wears (an earring) but I don't think it was a big deal," she said. "It's a tiny little hole."

She feels a little differently about tattoos. She got one when she was 18, and now, at age 41, is considering getting it removed. "I don't think tattoos are that big of a deal, but I am happy that he doesn't have a permanent tattoo at 10," she said. "Instead, we stock up on temporary tattoos like crazy."

Susan Tordello of Ayer, Mass., doesn't approve of tattoos, but three of her four children — now all young adults — have them. "If they want a tattoo or piercing, they're going to find a way to do it eventually," she said.

She still thinks parents who are opposed to tattoos should let their kids know how they feel; withhold permission if they're underage and hope that if they do get one, it's "in an obscure place." But she added: "There are many worse things they can do to themselves besides piercings and tattoos — which are not fatal, self-destructive or addictive," she said. "Don't make it a big deal or power struggle. That will only make it more attractive."

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Having trouble getting the boys to read? Try fart jokes

Associated Press

Can fart jokes save the reading souls of boys? You better hope so.

Boys have lagged behind girls in reading achievement for more than 20 years, but the gender gap now exists in nearly every state and has widened to mammoth proportions — as much as 10 percentage points in some, according to the Center on Education Policy.

"It certainly should set off alarm bells," said the center's director, Jack Jennings. "It's a significant separation."

Parents of reluctant readers complain that boys are forced to stick to stuffy required school lists that exclude nonfiction or silly subjects, or have teachers who cater to higher achievers and girls. They're hoping books that exploit boys' love of bodily functions and gross-out humor can close the gap.

"It's like pulling out fingernails. He absolutely does not want to read," said Muscile Shoals, Ala., dad Todd Thompson of his 13-year-old, Hunter. "I read constantly growing up. So did his mother. So does his 8-year-old sister, but he's a go-go kid. To him, books are a waste of time."

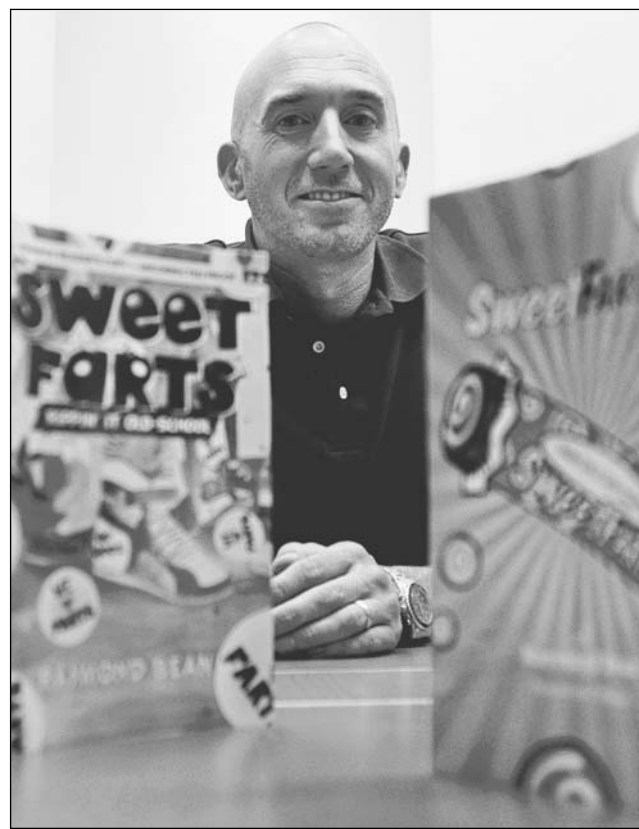
Growing up in Grand Rapids, Mich., the 47-year-old Thompson loved two things: football and books. His mom encouraged regular trips to the library. His dad inspired him to dig into the Chip Hilton sports novels written by legendary basketball coach Clair Bee.

Thompson and his wife did the same with their reading allergic son. No-go. They've tried bribing him with new video games. Nope. While they've never considered doling out cash for reading, other parents unabashedly do.

"Some books can be pretty boring and I just don't feel like reading them," said Hunter, a good student who reads what he has to for school. "I think a lot of boys feel like that."

The angst among parents, teachers and librarians has been met by a steady stream of sports and historical nonfiction, potty humor, bloodthirsty vampires and action-packed graphic novels, fantasy and sleuthing.

Butts, farts. Whatever, said Amelia Yunker, a children's librarian in Farmington Hills, Mich. She hosted a grossology party with slime and an armpit noise demonstration. "Just



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Teacher and author Ray Sabini, who goes by the pen name Raymond Bean, poses on July 14 in New York during an interview about his book for middle-school readers, "Sweet Farts: Rippin' It Old-School." The book chronicles a 9-year-old boy's multimillion-dollar science-fair invention of tablets that can change foul-smelling gas into the culprit's scent of choice — summer rose, cotton candy, grape — even pickles.

get 'em reading. Worry about what they're reading later."

Adding online tie-ins or packaged prizes like the steady-selling "39 Clues" series has publishers meeting young readers halfway.

Patrick Carman has gone a step further with his wicked creepy "Skeleton Creek" series from Scholastic. The upper-grade books use password-protected websites to alternate book text and quick fixes of shaky, handheld video. To follow the story, reading and watching online are both required.

"We're meeting them halfway," Carman said. "It's the idea that these books understand where they're at."

Farts are Ray Sabini's halfway point for younger kids. The fourth grade teacher from Miller Place, outside New York City, heard from dozens of grateful parents, teachers and librarians after he self-published his "Sweet Farts" in 2008 under the name Raymond Bean.

The book chronicles a 9-year-old boy's multimillion-dollar science fair invention of tablets that can change foul-smelling gas into the culprit's scent of choice: summer rose, cotton candy, grape — even pickles, as requested by his little sister. It climbed to No. 3 on Amazon in chil-

dren's humor in October on little more than word of mouth and prompted a sequel, "Sweet Farts: Rippin' It Old-School," to be released next month.

"Reaching those reluctant boys, it's a challenge I take very, very seriously and this is what they think is funny," Sabini said. There's also history in there. The science in there, the problem of bullying, but it's the humor that gets their attention."

Jon Scieszka, a former teacher and Library of Congress literary ambassador for young people's lit, has been writing kid books for 20 years. He started Guyreads.com to better connect boys with appealing text and begins his "Spaceheadz" series (Simon & Schuster) about TV-saturated aliens in September, complete with websites that offer more.

"We have to meet them where they are," he said. "We need to engage kids in this 21st century world but it doesn't have to be either-or, the digital world or a book."

Scieszka's not convinced educators know how to hook boys, especially when it comes to required reading.

"Boys will read a wide variety of stuff, not just gross-out humor, but stuff they enjoy in large part is stuff that's not seen as le-

gitimate reading in some schools, so they're already feeling they're not part of the system."

Grossology shouldn't be underestimated in boyland. Scholastic's poop fiction star, Dav Pilkey, and his "Captain Underpants" graphic series remains immensely popular among both genders. Pilkey is bringing back his fourth-grade narrators minus their superhero on Aug. 10 in "The Adventures of Ook and Gluk," about two kung-fu lovin' caveboys sucked into the future.

In Barrington, Ill., Jennifer Lucas said reading is tough for her 10-year-old son, Sean. She thinks teachers in the lower grades don't fully understand boy energy in the classroom.

"It's hard for first- and second-grade boys to sit still and learn things the way girls do, like through songs," she said. "I think they want so much out of boys when it comes to reading, and they're not ready."

Cathy Walker, who teaches fourth grade in Raleigh, N.C., is always looking for ways to engage hard-to-reach boys. She stumbled on Sabini's "SweetFarts" on Amazon, read it for herself and knew it would be a hit all around.

"It's a topic most teachers and parents don't openly discuss," she said. "It's a great way for boys to engage in topics that are 'taboo' and because of that, they enjoy them even more."

Best-selling author James Patterson knows from personal experience how hard it can be. Son Jack is a great reader now, at age 12, but that wasn't true when he was younger. "He wouldn't sit down with a book, beyond what he had to do in school."

Patterson hunted down quality reads for a user-friendly website, Readkid-doread.com, and began writing for young people, including the "Daniel X" alien hunter series that has a new installment out this month.

"I think it can turn around for a lot of kids. Parents have to take the responsibility seriously. Schools need to be more practical, meaning they need to understand that reading lists are tremendously important but you have to put books on it that the kids are going to respond to," he said. "Reading is such a necessary thing to take you through life."

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Nolan's 'Inception' the perfect puzzler



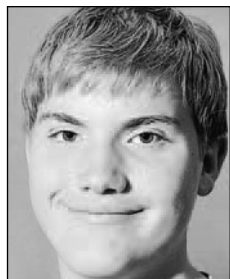
Leonardo DiCaprio, left, is pictured in a scene from "Inception."

Associated Press

All the pieces fit in psychological thrill ride

By now, it is a known fact that director and writer Christopher Nolan (most known for the two newest "Batman" films) is very good at what he does: making great movies! Since 1998, Nolan has released a new film every two years (with the exception being "Batman Begins," released in 2005), and now it is 2010, and the time has come to witness his next project. There is no doubt that Nolan's reputation precedes him greatly in this new mind-blowing and mind-boggling film, "Inception."

Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Arthur (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) are very good at what they do, and believe me, what they do is a long shot from a walk in the park. Cobb and Arthur have mastered the technology needed to enter other people's minds and participate in their dreams. In this profession, they create a dream for the victim and then enter said victim's dream and try to find information for themselves or for the clients that hired them. Quickly after the film gets started, Cobb and Arthur are approached by a man named Saito (Ken Watanabe), who has been



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observing the two men's skills. Saito has a job for Cobb and Arthur, and it includes something considered impossible. The thing which I speak is inception, which is where those who invade the dream attempt to place an idea in the victim's mind. Saito owns a business threatened by a rival business. The head of said business is about to hand over the company to his son, Robert Fischer Jr. (Cillian Murphy). What Saito wants is to plant the idea in Robert to break away from his father's company and start his own business, thus dismantling his father's empire. Saito not only offers money, but tells Cobb that he will grant him a way to finally go home, something Cobb has wanted for a long time. Why can't Cobb go home? That's one of the many mysteries.

The two take the job — even though Cobb made the decision without Arthur's input — and assemble a team skilled in the art of invading dreams. The team includes Ariadne (Ellen Page), who is responsible for constructing the dreams that the team goes into; Eames (Tom Hardy), who has the skill of taking of the shape of those known by the victim of the dream in order to more easily convince the victim to reveal secrets; and Yusuf (Dileep Rao), who makes liquids that enable people to sleep longer and/or become more relaxed. This team attempts to target Robert Fischer Jr. with the goal of convincing him to break away from his father's business.

Looking at "Inception" is much like looking at pieces of a puzzle. There are many pieces: the acting, the script, the cinematography, the music, the story, the originality, the visual effects, etc. The bottom line is, "Inception" has all of the puzzle pieces and they all fit together perfectly. Now let's look at each piece.

Starting with the acting, it is very noticeable in the trailers that "Inception" is filled with A-listers, and I don't mean just the popular A-listers (Megan Fox) — I mean the A-listers who are both popular and can actually act (not Megan Fox.) The acting by all cast members is impressive, the best performance coming from the very talented Leonardo DiCaprio, who has shown outstanding acting in both of his films this year (the first being "Shutter Island").

The next big factor in "Inception" is the plot. Every now and then, there are movies that you see that after watching you say, "Wow! I have never seen anything like that!" (think "The Matrix" or "The Lord of the Rings"). "Inception" is the perfect example of that kind of film. The story is so interesting, so gripping, and so original, I was struck with awe at how brilliant the film was. Now, one thing I feared when going into this film was that I would be confused and lost a lot. WRONG! Thanks to the brilliance of Christopher Nolan, the story, the whole concept of going into dreams, and all points of the story are clearly explained, leaving no questions.

As for the rest of the puzzle pieces, there is a big list, but some of the key ones include the cinematography, CGI and score. Like most Nolan films, the camera work is outstanding. The lighting and clarity give the film a beautiful picture.

The cinematography, combined with the CGI, was a great mix. Slow motion is a much-used effect in "Inception," but thankfully it wasn't overused like it is in many action films ("Mission Impossible 2"). One scene features the team falling backward into a river while strapped into a van. In this scene, the way everyone moves, the way the camera looks, the way the van crashes into the water, everything just works perfectly. This scene is just a fraction of what "Inception" has to offer.

One of my favorite things to look for in a movie is a great score, and I couldn't have been more excited when I saw that Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer (composer of "Pirates of the Caribbean," the "Batman" films and "Sherlock Holmes") was attached to this film. Zimmer is very good at composing intense scores, and he did it once again in "Inception." The music fits perfectly with all of the intensity, suspense, and emotion of the film.

I could go on and on about how fantastic this masterpiece is. "Inception" is a brilliant puzzle made up of important pieces that fit together and it is, what Mary Poppins would say, "Practically perfect in every way!" Inception is a great film and quite possibly one of the best films I have ever seen. I give it four stars out of four.

"Inception" has a running time of 2 hours and 28 minutes and is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout.

CHALK

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■ The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will conduct its annual **Veterans in the Classroom** program on Nov. 1 through Nov. 12 as part of its 18th annual Veterans Appreciation Week activities.

Coordinated by the Citrus County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), the Veterans in the Classroom program brings living history to the classrooms of the county's public and private schools, as well as home school groups. Veterans share with students their firsthand military experiences and travels while serving our country in uniform around the world in peace and war.

The model Veterans in the Classroom program was recognized in 2008 with a Florida Education Foundation award. The program's success has generated the need for additional veterans to share their experiences with students. Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq, Air Force, National Guard and women veterans are especially needed as participants.

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Contact Mary Margaret Hull, district lead youth education coordinator, at 1-800-423-1476, ext. 4774 with questions.

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News NOTES

Elks event is Christmas in July

The West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693 will have its Christmas in July dinner/dance on Saturday, 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.

CUB plans July Christmas sale

Citrus United Basket will have its indoor Christmas in July sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday 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.

CMUG Photoshop classes on tap

Citrus Macintosh Users Group will have two-for-one Photoshop Elements classes on Thursday and Monday. 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 and to sign up, e-mail Carolyn Herrin, vice president, education, at cmuged@gmail.com or call her at 341-5555.

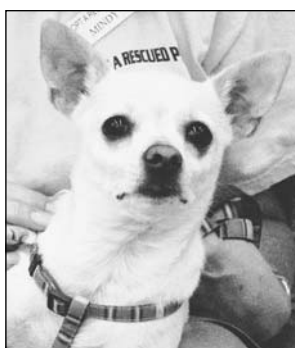
The July meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in room 103, building C4 at College of Central Florida (CF) Citrus Campus (formerly CFCC Lecanto) featuring Silver Keeper, free backup software, by John Engberg, vice president, technical.

There will be no meeting or classes in August. Lab and workshop are Aug. 22 and 24.

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

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Service awards



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The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners presented service awards to three board employees at the July 13 meeting. Front row, from left, are: Laura Marely, development services planner, five years; Michael Wimer, engineering design technician, 10 years; and Gary Maidhof, operations and project officer, 20 years. Back, from left, are: commissioners John Thrumston, Joe Meek, Winn Webb, Dennis Damato and County Commission Chairman Gary Bartell.

Fallen Heroes Monument



Special to the Chronicle

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners on July 13 approved an agreement between the county and the Citrus County Fallen Heroes Monument Inc. to continue to assist with the perpetual maintenance and improvements to the Fallen Heroes Monument in Bicentennial Park in Crystal River. Front, from left, are: Avis Craig, secretary of the Fallen Heroes board; John Ring, membership chairman; and Morris Harvey, vice chairman of the board; back, from left, are: commissioners John Thrumston, Joe Meek, Winn Webb, Dennis Damato and BOCC Chairman Gary Bartell.

Brief encounter with 'the Boss'



Special to the Chronicle

About nine years ago, the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame played host to the players who were to be inducted that year. Myriad players, old and new, were in attendance. Toward the end of the ceremony, Bob Locurto of Homosassa went out to the parking lot to check on the antique cars that his club — Citrus County Cruisers — had supplied to transport celebrities to and from The Plantation Inn, where they were staying. Being a transplant from New York and a lifetime Yankees fan, he recognized George Steinbrenner walking across the parking lot. "I shouted 'George!' He didn't respond. I shouted again: 'George!' Nothing," said Locurto. "Realizing who I was addressing, I then shouted 'Mr. Steinbrenner, a photo please!'" He then stopped and, with a slight smile, allowed his photo to be taken before he quickly walked away, got into a waiting limousine and left. "Little did I know what the rewards of the day would bring," said Locurto. "I had just had a brief encounter with 'the Boss.' God rest his soul."

News NOTES

Zumbatomic demo coming Thursday

Is your child lacking exercise? Does your child love to be in a group setting? Does your child love music? Does music make your child dance? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Zumbatomic is just what you are looking for.

Zumbatomic is dance fitness for ages 4 through 12, and is part of the Zumba Fitness Program. Bring children ages 4 through 7 and youths ages 8 through 12 for a free demonstration of Zumbatomic at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Beverly Hills Jewish Center, 102 Civic Circle.

Contact Zumbatomic instructor Anne Olivero at 613-3063.

Shake a leg with Spirit of Citrus

Join Spirit of Citrus Dancers for "Saturday Night Fever" on Saturday. Wear your best 1970s outfit for your chance to win prizes. Music will be by Bill Dimmitt.

The August Birthday Party Dance will be Saturday, Aug. 7. Music will be by Bill Dimmitt.

The club will host County Fair/Ice Cream Social Dance party on Saturday, Aug. 21. We'll provide the ice cream and all the fixings needed to make your own sundae. Music by Butch Phillips.

Admission is \$6 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

Dances are at the Kellner Auditorium, Jewish Center in Beverly Hills. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; there is a complimentary lesson from 7 until 7:30 p.m. and general dancing from 7:30 until 10 p.m. Ice and coffee are provided. Sodas and bottled water are available for a small fee.

For further information, call Barb and Jack at 344-1383 or Kathy at 726-1495, or visit the website at www.soc-dancers.org.

Get backstage peek at Art Center

Meet us backstage at the Art Center Theater at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, where we will "Raise the Curtain" to give the public a close look at backstage happenings.

Staff will be on hand to give a guided tour throughout the complex and answer questions on all aspects of theater.

"The King and I" musical will have just completed its run. Scenery, costumes, etc. will be in plain sight. A better understanding of "backstage" will allow theater patrons to enjoy the next production even more.

Volunteers sought for disaster training

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center in Citrus County will host a class Tuesday to train volunteers to become public speakers on disaster preparedness and response.

Volunteers are sought to become part of a team to conduct presentations to educate others in disaster preparedness. After completion of training, participants will have knowledge of disaster preparedness and response, and will know the importance of having a survival kit and a family communications plan.

Call 527-5950 to register or for additional information. Free FEMA course material will be provided.

Dancing class taught at WCCC

Tap and jazz-style dance is taught by Joyce Lang. New students are welcome. Classes meet from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays at the West Citrus Community Center for \$6 per lesson.

Call Brenda at 795-3831 for more information.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.
 ■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at 563-3280; or e-mail to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.
 ■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 21, 2010. Table with columns for time slots (6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WESH, WEDU, WFTS, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

David Lloyd George, the only Welshman to become prime minister of Great Britain, said, "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps."

Bridge

Bridge puzzle layout showing North, South, East, and West hands with cards and a dealer's hand. Includes an opening lead and a question about the best trick.

tricks in diamonds. Here, though, that would unluckily fail. Let's assume South converts to three no-trump. How should South plan the play after West leads the club queen?

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek. Includes a cartoon and a word search puzzle.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues.

Answer to Previous Puzzle crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters and a list of clues.

Dear Annie: Six months ago, I ran into a friend from high school. She mentioned an old girlfriend of mine, "Liz."

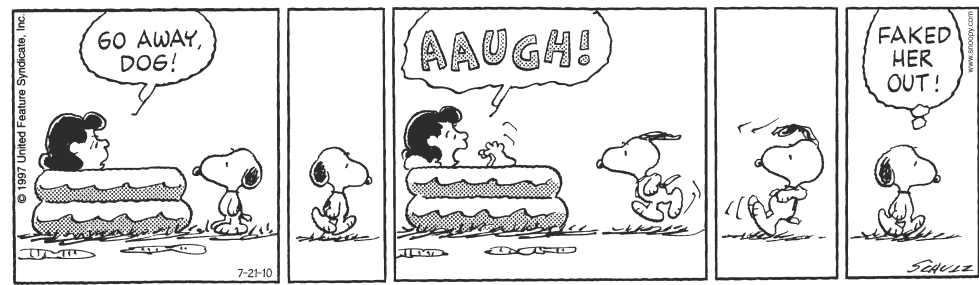
Dear Confused: Driving by Liz's home has moved you from mildly wistful to potentially stalking. Your increasingly obsessive thoughts are actually more about you and being middle-aged.

Dear Worried: If she hasn't regretted chatting on her husband, neglecting her children and ending up in jail, we can't imagine what she's waiting for.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

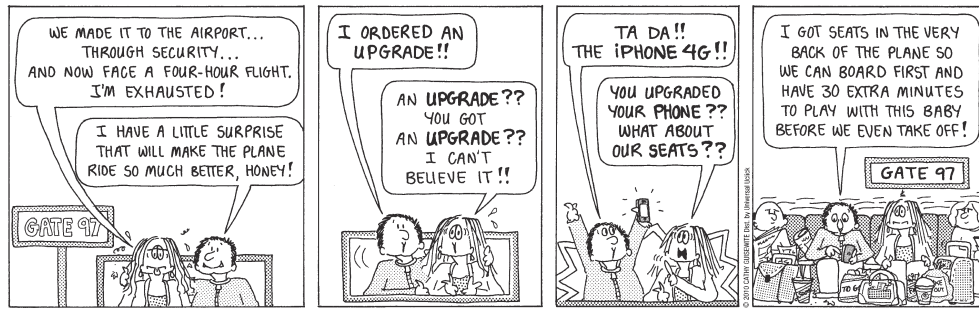
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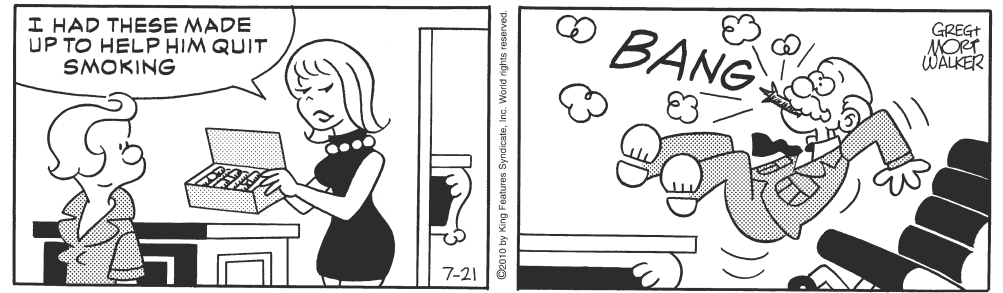
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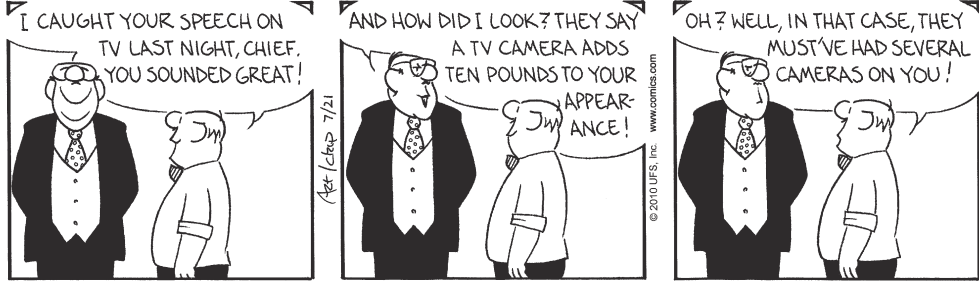
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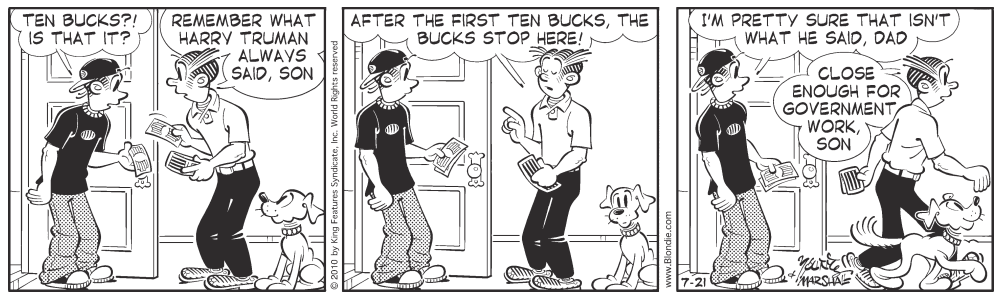
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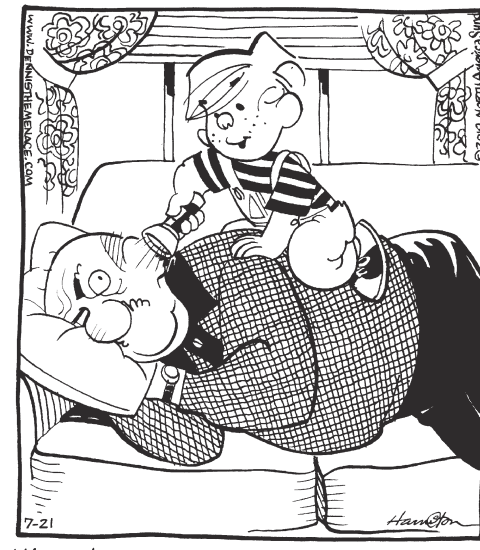
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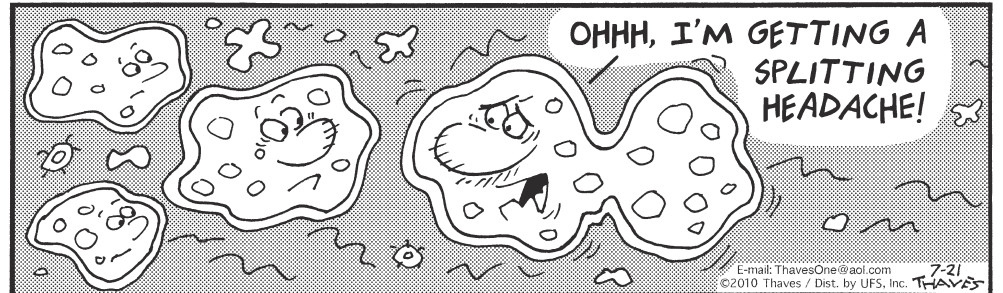
Betty



Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

Today's clue: Z equals K

"KN'HN PAY YA PA (MVOZ YA YRN LAAB). MWY KN JAB'Y KVBV YA FYVX YAA CABP. YRN WCYDLVYN PAVC DF LVIF." — MWE E VCJIDB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I'm going to step off ... now. That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." — Neil Armstrong

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Today's MOVIES

- Citrus Cinemas 6 — Inverness; 637-3377, "Inception" (PG-13) 12:20 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 7 p.m., 10:20 p.m. No passes. "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (PG) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:25 p.m. No passes. "Despicable Me" (PG) 12 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:30 p.m. "Predators" (R) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m. "Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (PG-13) 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:15 p.m. "Grown Ups" (PG-13) 12:05 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:30 p.m. "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (PG) 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m. No passes. "Predators" (R) 12:10 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. "Despicable Me" (PG) 12:05 p.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:40 p.m. "The Last Airbender" (PG) 12:35 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 7:55 p.m., 10:25 p.m. "Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:35 p.m. "Grown Ups" (PG-13) 12:25 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:15 p.m. "Knight and Day" (PG-13) 12:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

- Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864, "Inception" (PG-13) 12:20 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 10:20 p.m. 10:45 p.m. No passes.

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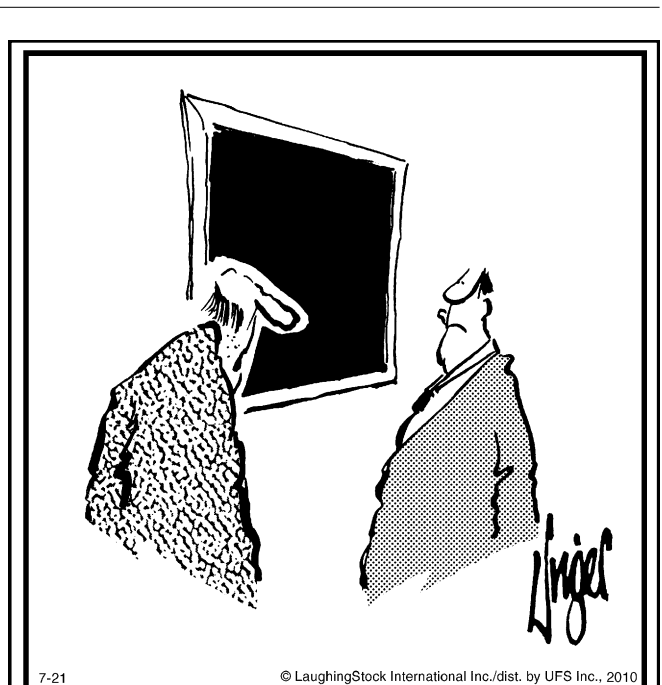
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