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Chronicle customer service office to be closed

Because of an extended electrical shutdown to replace a transformer, the Citrus County Chronicle's customer service office will be closed Saturday, Oct. 1. Vacation stops, orders for resumed or standard service, and customer complaints will be accepted from 7 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. Redeliveries of Saturday's paper will also be available Sunday.

The Chronicle regrets the inconvenience.

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A happy reunion



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Brittany Hair surprised her sons Rian and Jacob by showing up unexpectedly at Rock Crusher Elementary School on Wednesday. She is on leave from the U.S. Army where she is serving in Afghanistan and was able to get home to surprise her children. She is shown hugging her son Rian while her niece Bailey Martin and Jacob watch the activity.

Solider travels from Afghanistan to school to surprise kids

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

Army Spc. Brittany Hair stood Wednesday afternoon behind a divider in the front office area of Rock Crusher Elementary School — fretting and shaking with anticipation. She took deep breaths and held back tears as she listened for her boys.

“I am so nervous,” she said. After being on planes for 20 hours traveling to Tampa from Afghanistan, then being driven to

the school by her sister-in-law Lois Hair, she was a few minutes from reuniting with her two sons, whom she hadn't seen since last Christmas.

In a moment, Rian, 7, and Jacob, who will be 6 Monday, appeared with their backpacks and embraced their father, Christopher, and stepmother, Desiree, totally unaware of the surprise before them.

Mom emerged from behind them and tapped Jacob on the shoulder and both boys in unison screamed,

“Mommy.” Brittany Hair finally let the tears flow and between embraces and kisses, the boys and their cousins Chasity Martin, 9, and Bailey Martin, 7 — who also attend Rock Crusher — started filling her in on what she missed in the past nine months.

“I am 54 pounds now, mommy, the doctor said,” Rian offered.

Lois Hair, who orchestrated the reunion, said she was glad it all worked out.

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Helping hands



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle file

Megan Ledford, 17, of Homosassa, regained the use of her right hand after she had a stroke because an anonymous benefactor paid for a therapy device that helped her exercise and strengthen her hand. Megan's benefactor responded to a request from Chris Pool, director of marketing and philanthropy at Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, who is seeking philanthropic giving at every level.

Donations aid Citrus Memorial

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

The person who helped a Homosassa girl regain the use of her hand through purchasing a new therapy device had never made such a large donation before.

“If I can do it, I'm willing

to do whatever I can when people are in need like that and it can make a difference in somebody's life,” the donor, who wished to remain anonymous, said last week.

The donor's generosity

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BOCC changes PR contract

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Commissioners asked Tuesday why they were not given more notice about renewing a contract with a public relations company.

The renewal appeared on the consent agenda at the regular meeting of the Citrus County Board of Commissioners (BOCC).

“Why the short fuse?” asked Commissioner JJ Kenney. “Why is this coming to us when the contract's up on the 30th of September (Friday)? Why are we just now getting this?”

County staff asked the BOCC to authorize the renewal of an agreement between the county and Gold and Associates of Jacksonville Inc. for its advertising and public relations services for the Citrus County Tourism Development Council (TDC).

The renewal would maintain the previous terms, conditions and pricing, extending them

for two more years, to Sept. 30, 2013, at a cost of \$6,200 a month. The funding source has been the tourist development tax, a county sales tax on short-term living quarters such as hotels.

Kenney suggested changing to a month-to-month agreement with Gold while taking bids, “or we just do without until we find a public relations firm,” he said.

Commissioner Rebecca Bays, who is the chairwoman of the TDC, said she also wanted to discuss the renewal.

“With today's economy, all government agencies are taking a fresh look at how they do business,” Bays said. “I think this is a perfect time for us to take a look at this and do our due diligence on it.”

Bays said the TDC board approved renewal of the contract for an extension of two years by a majority vote.

“I voted against it because I do believe that in today's economy we do have to go out and look at the scope of work to be performed and how we are doing business,” Bays said. “It might very well come back that Gold and Associates might be the right firm, but I believe this board has an obligation to go out for bid on a routine basis.”

Commissioner Joe Meek said he did not see



JJ Kenney



Rebecca Bays

Trustees to send CMH check for charity care

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — A \$250,000 check is headed to Citrus Memorial Health System for charity care in what officials hope is a start in ending a funding stalemate between rival boards.

The Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees voted unanimously Wednesday morning to approve the allocation as part of funding the hospital in the 2010-11 fiscal year that ends Friday.

Trustees had budgeted about \$1 million, but a dispute between the trustees and Citrus Memorial Health Foundation had thus far kept that money in the bank.

Trustees' finance director Harry Kilgore will also be allowed to view patient financial records that officials believe will lead to more disbursements of charity-care funds.

Attorney Bruce Blackwell told trustees that he and foundation attorneys agreed late Tuesday that Kilgore need only sign an agreement stating he will keep patients' identities and health information confidential.

Trustees had wanted Kilgore to review hospital records before releasing funds for charity care.

“We want to provide funds for indigent care subject to audit,” Blackwell said.

Blackwell said attorneys for both sides agreed that the decision to release funds for indigent care will have no bearing on the foundation's breach-of-contract lawsuit against trustees seeking about \$10 million that the foundation says it is owed.

Blackwell said trustees have tried since spring to find agreement with the foundation.

“I have never had such a simple thing take so long,” he said.

Trustee Michael Smallridge said trustees should reimburse the foundation for its share of indigent-care expenses.

“We have to hold true to our word from day one: If they give us a receipt, we'll get them the money,” he said.

CMHS Chief Executive Officer Ryan Beatty said the confidentiality form is the same one the hospital offered for trustees in February. Still, Beatty was pleased to know funding was coming.

“I'm happy we're doing it now,” he said. “I'm happy to take the money.”

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Michael Smallridge
Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees member.



Ryan Beatty
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Around
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Citrus County

Memorial Oct. 9 for late environmentalist

A memorial for longtime Citrus County environmentalist Marion Knudsen is set at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

The memorial will be in the Garden of the Springs at the park's west entrance on Fish Bowl Drive.

Mrs. Knudsen served 19 years on the Citrus County Planning and Development Review Board. She was one of the founding members of a committee to convince the county to buy the then-Nature World Attraction, which later became a state park in 1989. She contributed more than 4,000 hours in volunteer time at the park.

Mrs. Knudsen, 83, of Homosassa, died Sept. 19 after suffering a pair of strokes.

For more information, call Susan Strawbridge at (352) 628-5343, ext. 1002.

Landfill phone outage being repaired

The Citrus County Landfill located on State Road 44 has been experiencing periodic phone outages for the past few days. Contractors have been notified and are working to correct the problem.

Those who have been unable to reach the Landfill are encouraged to try again. The Citrus County Division of Solid Waste Management regrets the inconvenience.

Key Largo

\$330M road project in Keys completed

A \$330 million road project that rebuilt a key section of U.S. 1 connecting the South Florida mainland with the Florida Keys has been completed.

Federal, state and local officials marked the completion Wednesday for the Florida Department of Transportation road project after seven years of construction for a new and safer 18-mile stretch.

Miami

Perry strategy may woo Hispanics

Rick Perry calls his rivals "heartless" and defends moderate parts of his immigration record with ethnically-charged language.

But his strategy may endear the Texas governor to Hispanics even as it angers others: the presidential candidate must woo to win.

His in-your-face approach to addressing what many non-Hispanic conservatives consider a black mark on his record underscores the difficult politics at play for Perry.

He's a border-state governor who for 10 years has taken great care to avoid alienating the nation's fastest-growing minority group. But Perry now finds himself running for president in a Republican primary whose electorate is staunchly opposed to illegal immigration.

Tallahassee

Presidential primary likely Jan. 31

House Speaker Dean Cannon said Florida likely will hold its presidential primary on Jan. 31.

The Republican on Wednesday said that should secure Florida's place as the fifth state to hold presidential primaries or caucuses.

Cannon said Florida officials do not want to go ahead of the four states that traditionally go first — Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

Florida Republicans have been pushing for an early date to ensure the state will be a major player in deciding the GOP nominee.

—From staff and wire reports

BOCC raises local-preference issue in bid choice

CHRIS VAN ORMER
Staff Writer

Not everyone was satisfied Tuesday with the county's choice of business to provide service for its green-bin recycling program. And that included members of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

At the commissioners' regular meeting, Ken Frink, director of the Department of Public Works, presented reasons why the bid from Waste Pro of Florida was chosen from among four bidders that offered services for the program, in which nonprofit organiza-

tions sponsor large green bins for collection of recyclable materials. The service would be to sell the materials and give the nonprofits a percentage of the proceeds.

Waste Pro offered to return 61 percent. But it would be taking the materials to Putnam County to sort.

The issue of local preference for contracts was raised by commissioners and residents. FDS, a local



Ken Frink
 public works director

company, recently set up a single stream recycling line in Lecanto. However, its bid was turned down.

Before the discussion began, Commissioner JJ Kenney recused himself because one of his relatives works for a company associated with one of the bidders.

County Administrator Brad Thorpe opened the discussion assuring the bid process was correctly followed.

Commissioner Joe Meek stated his concerns.

"If you can, address our local preference ordinance," Meek said to Thorpe. "We have a com-

pany that has invested a substantial amount of money into a facility that is literally in our backyard. It's not the lowest bidder or the highest bidder with returning funds to non-profits, but it's concerning to me that we are not awarding that contract to them."

Frink responded that the bidding process was based on the highest bid because it was giving money back. He said Waste Pro has a facility in Holder where 15 people are employed.

Frink said the bids were considered from the aspect of bid payment for single-stream recycling, where the

vendor takes all the materials to a facility to sort them. Waste Pro bid \$85,987.64 to pay the county, while FDS bid \$36,414.

"As far as the local preference ordinance," Frink said, "the highest bidder (Waste Pro) has a local business address and local business license. Even if they were not, the bid spread is far enough the local preference ordinance does not come into place."

Commissioners agreed to award the bid to Waste Pro.

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Former Gov. Kirk dies

Lead way for GOP mastery in capital

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Claude Kirk, a flamboyant self-promoter who became Florida's first Republican governor of the 20th century, even though he never held prior public office, died Wednesday. He was 85.

Kirk died peacefully in his sleep at his West Palm Beach home, his family said in a statement.

"He woke up every morning with 30 new ideas, 20 of which weren't the best in the world, but two were absolutely genius," said Nat Reed, who was Kirk's environmental adviser and later served as assistant interior secretary under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Rural Democrats dominated Florida politics when Kirk was elected in 1966, but his victory over Robert King High cracked open the door for what eventually became the Republicans' mastery of Tallahassee.

Although his political rivals derided the colorful insurance executive from Jacksonville, Kirk is credited with changing the course of state government and politics during his four-year term.

"There weren't a lot of people ready to be Republicans," the California-born Kirk recalled of those days during a 1999 interview with The Associated Press. "We had to create our own."

Political niceties were of no concern to Kirk, who was known as "Claudius Maximus," and "Kissing Claude," the latter a reference to his fondness for women and them for him.

"He couldn't resist



Associated Press

Florida Gov. Claude Kirk Jr., in his office in Tallahassee in 1970, died Wednesday. Kirk Jr. was the first Republican elected Florida governor in the 20th century, serving from 1967-1971. He was 85.

being a character because he was born a character," said Reed in a telephone interview from New Brunswick, Canada, where he was traveling.

Reed, currently vice chairman of the Everglades Foundation, credited Kirk with starting to clean up Florida's environment that then was blighted by raw or ill-treated sewage flowing into the ocean and lakes. He said Kirk initially supported building an airport in the Everglades and the Cross-Florida Barge Canal but ardently opposed both when he realized what they'd do to the environment.

His relationship with the Democratic-controlled Legislature was acrimonious, especially over taxation and environmental issues. His opposition to court-ordered school busing gained national attention.

"Only the governor, as far as Kirk was concerned, knew what was good for

the state and had the best interests of Florida in mind," Edmund F. Kallina Jr. wrote in a 1993 historical review of Kirk's years as governor.

"He viewed the Legislature with disdain, and at times, even contempt," wrote Kallina, a University of Central Florida history professor.

Kirk could anger his friends as well as his adversaries.

"Claude and I had differences, but we were the kind of persons that when we had a difference, we discuss it, we get it out," recalled U.S. Rep. C.W. "Bill" Young, an Indian Shores Republican who then was the Florida House minority leader.

Young said their differences were mostly over procedure rather than policy.

"It was a real challenge," he said. "He was very creative and he moved quickly. Oftentimes he didn't give us notice of which direction he

was going to move." Young said they remained friends over the years.

Claude R. Kirk Jr. was born Jan. 7, 1926, in San Bernardino, Calif., and attended high school in Montgomery, Ala. He served in the Marines in World War II and Korea and graduated from the University of Alabama Law School.

He moved to Jacksonville in 1956 to found American Heritage Insurance. He became a Republican in 1960 to head the "Floridians for Nixon" campaign. Nixon carried the state by 3 percentage points over then-Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Kirk ran for the U.S. Senate in 1964 and lost. He then ran for governor in 1966, saying he didn't like the way the government was operating.

A supporter of the death penalty, Kirk even visited a state prison during his campaign and told

death-row inmates that he might have to sign their death warrants one day.

Kirk, however, never had the chance because of an informal national moratorium on executions during his years in office.

He easily defeated High, who had won the Democratic nomination over incumbent Gov. Haydon Burns in a divisive primary.

"Marine training says you're never supposed to lose and I believe that as well," Kirk said. "I am most proud of getting elected, which I figured would happen."

Kirk, who was divorced at the time, showed up at his inaugural ball accompanied by "Madame X," whom he would not introduce to the press. The mysterious guest, Erika Mattfeld, married Kirk a month later. Three Kirk marriages — two to the same woman — produced seven children, including two who were born while he was governor.

Angel Food shuts down, cites economic woes

SHEMIR WILES
Staff Writer

After suspending food distribution for the month of September, Angel Food Ministries — a nationwide organization that has provided low-cost food to individuals and families in Citrus County — announced it will be closing permanently after 17 years of service.

In a statement released last week on its website, officials stated they attempted to find other ways to keep the operation going, but due to rising costs in fuel, food and operational expenses, they decided it was best to cease food distribution.

"We realize the pressure that this places on our host sites, community food banks and customers," the statement said. "However, there is a group of former employees and food vendors that are working to find a better way of serving those who have come to depend on Angel Food."

"Unfortunately many if not all other food ministries have gone out of busi-

ness in recent years. Angel Food has not been immune from the same economic and market conditions that led to the loss of other food ministries ... We are grateful that we have been able to help tens of millions of customers save hundreds of millions of dollars in food costs."

Barbara Johnson, administrative assistant and host site coordinator for North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs, said the news of Angel Food closing was shocking and, regrettably, out of their control.

"We were disappointed," she said. Johnson stated the church's Sunday school class would routinely collect money to provide food through Angel Food to one or two families a month. In addition, the church, which had only been a host site for five months before the permanent shutdown, received about 40 to 80 orders a month from needy families and individuals in the community.

Currently, Johnson said the church is looking into alternatives but has not

found anything that can compare to Angel Food.

"It was a good buy. The food quality was great," she said.

In the meantime, she said the Sunday school class will use the money collected to buy gift cards for families.

However, Sally Schlenker, who ran the food distribution program with her husband, Grant, at Hernando United Methodist Church in Hernando, said she has been directing many of her former Angel Food clients to her new ministry — Nature Coast Ministries in Crystal River.

As coordinator of the food pantry, she said she is often able to give away fresh fruit, vegetables and meats to people in need. And since Angel Food has ended, she said she's seen demand grow, so she has been spreading the word about Nature Coast Ministries to try to help as many people as possible.

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State BRIEF

Man executed for killing policeman

STARKE — A Florida man convicted of killing a police officer during a traffic stop 33 years ago has been executed at the Florida State Prison.

The governor's office said Manuel Valle was pronounced dead at 7:14 p.m. Wednesday. He was the first Florida prisoner to be executed with a new mix of lethal drugs.

Valle fatally shot Coral Gables officer Louis Pena in 1978. He also shot fellow officer Gary Spell, who was saved by his bulletproof vest.

A 4 p.m. execution was initially planned, but Gov. Rick Scott's office said it was delayed by an unsuccessful late attempt before the U.S. Supreme Court.

—From wire reports

Man arrested for alleged sex with minor

A.B. SIDIBE
Staff Writer

A Homosassa man has been booked on a charge of allegedly having unlawful sex with a minor.

Jason Walter Kyle of 6480 W. Rosedale Drive was arrested Wednesday and charged with a felony count of having sexual relations with a 16-year-old, according to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office report.

After investigators confirmed the criminal allega-

tion through an interview with the alleged victim, Kyle, 33, was detained.

Further investigation revealed Kyle is a registered sex offender and is on sex-offender probation.

When investigators went to see Kyle, he reportedly asked to speak with an attorney. He was arrested and is at the Citrus County jail.

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E. coli scare prompts ground beef recall

Associated Press

EMPORIA, Kan. — Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. is recalling about 131,300 pounds of ground beef because a family in Ohio fell ill after eating meat produced by the company that was contaminated with E. coli, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Wednesday.

The recall involves Kroger, Butcher's and generic beef products the South Dakota-based company produced at its plant in Emporia, Kan., on Aug. 23, the USDA said in a news release.

The products being recalled include 5-pound

packages of Kroger-brand ground beef packed in 40-pound cases, with a product code of D-0211 QW, which were distributed in Tennessee and Indiana; 3-pound packages of Butcher's Brand beef packed in 36-pound cases with the code D-0211 LWIF, which were distributed in North and South Carolina; and 3-pound packages of generic labeled beef packed in 36-pound cases with a product code D-0211 LWI, which were sold in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office

Battery arrests

■ **Jeffery Mark Taylor**, 57, Hernando, at 7:51 p.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. According to an arrest report, Taylor shoved a 59-year-old woman to the ground during an altercation. No bond.

■ **Traci Lynett Reagan**, 40, Homosassa, at 7:27 p.m. Sunday on felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery. According to an arrest report, Reagan threatened a 53-year-old man with a kitchen knife and shoved him to the floor. No bond.

■ **Travis Shane Powell**, 26, Inverness, at 9:15 a.m. Saturday on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to an arrest report, Powell struck a 23-year-old woman and grabbed her by the face. No bond.

DUI arrest

■ **Nicolle Yvette Gangawer**, 35, 4200 Messina Drive, Lake Mary, at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. According to an arrest report, Gangawer was stopped on

ON THE NET

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

■ Also under Public Information on the CCSO website, click on Crime Mapping for a view of where each type of crime occurs in Citrus County. Click on Offense Reports to see lists of burglary, theft and vandalism.

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

■ The Citrus County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Unit is comprised of nearly 900 citizens serving Citrus County. Members come from all walks of life and bring with them many years of life experience. To volunteer, call Sgt. Chris Evan at (352) 527-3701 or email cevan@sheriffcitrus.org.

Homosassa Trail and her blood-alcohol content tested at .154 percent; the legal limit in Florida is .08 percent. Bond \$500.

■ **Timothy Wayne Bray**, 49, 11534 N. Bass Road, Dunnellon, at 4:12 a.m. Wednesday on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol or urine test. Bond \$1,000.

Other arrests

■ **Jasmine B. Coatney**, 37, 5076 W. Meadow St., Homosassa, at 4:19 a.m. Tuesday on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and introducing a controlled substance into a detention facility. Bond \$4,000.

■ **Katie Wren Martin**, 33, 9448 W. Edgar Earl Loop, Crystal River, at 10:44 a.m. Tuesday on a felony charge of grand theft,

\$300 or more, but less than \$5,000. No bond.

■ **Dawn Sylvia Plew**, 32, no address given, at 2:41 p.m. Tuesday on misdemeanor charge of trespassing in a structure or conveyance after warning, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and criminal mischief. Bond \$1,750.

■ **Gerard J. Smith**, 52, 102 Golfview Drive, Homosassa, at 1:24 a.m. Wednesday on a misdemeanor charge of knowingly driving with a suspended, canceled or revoked license. Bond \$10,000.

■ **Brooks Tyler Feesser**, 20, 9280 E. Silver Oaks Trail, Inverness, at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday on misdemeanor charges of battery and resisting an officer without violence. Bond \$1,000.

Burglary

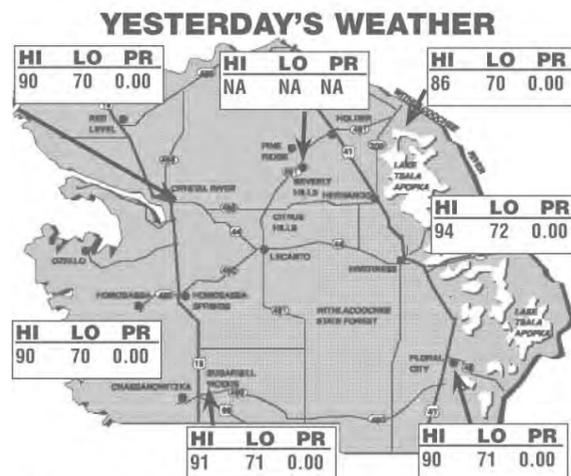
■ A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at about 4:34 a.m. Sept. 27 in the 900 block of N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.

Theft

■ A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred on Sept. 20 in the 3500 block of E. McDonald Lane, Hernando.

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THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: **Bay News 9**

TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
High: 90 Low: 68
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
High: 89 Low: 64
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
High: 84 Low: 63
Mostly sunny.

ALMANAC

TEMPERATURE*	Wednesday 95/74	Record 95/53	Normal 88/68	Mean temp. 85	Departure from mean +7
DEW POINT	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 70				
HUMIDITY	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 50%				
PRECIPITATION*	Wednesday 0.00 in.	Total for the month 4.18 in.	Total for the year 51.99 in.	Normal for the year 45.08 in.	
UV INDEX: 8	0-2 minimal, 3-4 low, 5-6 moderate, 7-9 high, 10+ very high				
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 29.90 in.				

SOLAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
9/29	THURSDAY	7:34	1:19	8:04	1:49
9/30	FRIDAY	8:40	2:25	9:10	2:55

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT	7:19 P.M.
SUNRISE TOMORROW	7:23 A.M.
MOONRISE TODAY	9:48 A.M.
MOONSET TODAY	8:52 P.M.

BURN CONDITIONS

Today's Fire Danger Rating is: **MODERATE. There is no burn ban.**

For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 754-6777. For more information on drought conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: http://flame.fl-dof.com/fire_weather/kbdi

WATERING RULES

Citrus County/Inverness/Crystal River: Lawn watering is limited to twice per week. Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Report violations: Citrus County (352) 527-5543; Crystal River and Inverness: (352) 726-4488.

Landscape Watering Schedule and Times: Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

TIDES

City	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Chassahowitzka*	7:00 a/3:07 a	8:14 p/3:38 p	7:36 a/3:44 a	9:05 p/4:26 p
Crystal River**	5:21 a/12:29 a	6:35 p/1:00 p	5:57 a/1:06 a	7:26 p/1:48 p
Withlacoochee*	3:08 a/10:48 a	4:22 p/10:54 p	3:44 a/11:36 a	5:13 p/11:31 p
Homosassa***	6:10 a/2:06 a	7:24 p/2:37 p	6:46 a/2:43 a	8:15 p/3:25 p

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	89	73	ts	Miami	90	77	ts
Ft. Lauderdale	89	77	ts	Ocala	90	67	ts
Fort Myers	91	74	ts	Orlando	92	72	ts
Gainesville	90	66	ts	Pensacola	89	67	pc
Homestead	90	72	ts	Sarasota	88	73	ts
Jacksonville	88	70	ts	Tallahassee	90	65	pc
Key West	89	78	sh	Tampa	91	71	ts
Lakeland	91	71	ts	Vero Beach	88	73	ts
Melbourne	87	74	ts	W. Palm Bch.	89	76	ts

MARINE OUTLOOK

Northwest winds around 10 knots. Seas 2 feet. Bay and inland waters will have a light chop. Chance of showers and thunderstorms today.

Gulf water temperature

86°

Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	Tues.	Wed.	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.22	28.24	35.52
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	35.50	35.51	39.25
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	37.30	37.30	40.60
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	39.53	39.52	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. THURSDAY

City	Wednesday	Thursday	City	Wednesday	Thursday
Albany	71 64 .32 r	72 55	New Orleans	93 77	pc 87 71
Albuquerque	88 56	pc 86 58	New York City	74 68 .01 ts	77 61
Asheville	76 52	pc 75 52	Norfolk	87 67 .62 ts	84 65
Atlanta	84 65 trace	pc 83 63	Oklahoma City	92 57	pc 88 55
Atlanta City	79 71	ts 79 62	Omaha	85 51	s 72 45
Austin	100 60	pc 98 70	Palm Springs	99 76	s 99 75
Baltimore	80 69 .08 ts	78 58	Philadelphia	79 70 .44 ts	78 59
Billings	78 56	s 69 46	Phoenix	99 76	s 103 78
Birmingham	84 64	pc 84 61	Pittsburgh	72 53 .18 sh	64 49
Boise	75 53	s 86 52	Portland, ME	68 54	r 67 57
Boston	70 63	r 73 61	Portland, Ore	75 47	s 82 54
Buffalo	72 59 .50 sh	63 56	Providence, R.I.	76 62	r 76 60
Burlington, VT	76 65	r 68 56	Raleigh	83 68 .78	pc 84 59
Charlotte, NC	89 69 .01 pc	86 64	Rapid City	84 47	s 63 40
Charlotte, WV	74 55	pc 69 53	Reno	91 54	s 89 55
Charlotte	83 65	pc 83 57	Rochester, NY	70 63 .54 sh	69 56
Chicago	63 53 .78 sh	74 52	Sacramento	94 59	s 93 59
Cincinnati	67 48	sh 71 51	St. Louis	76 57	pc 81 52
Cleveland	69 57	pc 65 55	St. Ste. Marie	70 52	sh 65 45
Columbia, SC	88 68	pc 88 62	Salt Lake City	87 56	s 86 63
Columbus, OH	65 52 .04 sh	70 51	San Antonio	97 69	ts 97 73
Concord, N.H.	76 59	r 69 54	San Diego	71 63	s 72 64
Dallas	96 69	pc 97 64	San Francisco	90 61	s 78 55
Denver	89 57	pc 97 51	Savannah	90 70	pc 87 83
Des Moines	81 58	s 74 48	Seattle	65 48	s 71 52
Detroit	65 57 .06 sh	65 51	Spokane	64 40	s 76 44
El Paso	92 63	pc 92 66	Syracuse	80 64 .01 r	71 54
Evansville, IN	74 50	sh 80 51	Topeka	88 48	s 77 47
Harrisburg	77 68 1.78 sh	73 53	Washington	80 69 .04 ts	78 59
Hartford	79 66	r 75 58			
Houston	97 72	pc 96 75			
Indianapolis	66 54	sh 75 50			
Jackson	87 69 .02 pc	88 63			
Las Vegas	100 72	s 100 75			
Little Rock	87 56	pc 89 58			
Los Angeles	70 64	s 71 63			
Louisville	72 52	sh 77 53			
Memphis	85 60	pc 86 60			
Milwaukee	63 54	sh 69 49			
Minneapolis	81 56	pc 65 46			
Mobile	87 68 1.85 pc	89 67			
Montgomery	75 69 .09 pc	87 62			
Nashville	80 58	pc 80 55			

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

HIGH 103 Killeen, Texas	LOW 27 Angel Fire, N.M.
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WORLD CITIES

THURSDAY	City	H/L/SKY	City	H/L/SKY
86/63/pc	Lisbon	86/63/pc	79/59/s	London
89/78/ts	Amsterdam	89/78/ts	84/52/pc	Madrid
75/53/s	Mexico City	75/53/s	79/58/pc	Mexico City
78/66/s	Montreal	78/66/s	66/56/sh	Beijing
72/51/s	Moscow	72/51/s	51/38/sh	Berlin
84/75/pc	Paris	84/75/pc	81/56/s	Bermuda
87/72/s	Rome	87/72/s	82/61/s	Cairo
65/44/s	Sydney	65/44/s	66/56/sh	Calgary
87/70/ts	Tokyo	87/70/ts	78/65/pc	Havana
81/76/ts	Toronto	81/76/ts	65/54/ts	Hong Kong
84/61/s	Warsaw	84/61/s	70/50/pc	Jerusalem

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

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HELP

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made a big difference to Megan Ledford, 17, who had a paralyzing stroke in February that left her without the use of her right hand.

Megan was born with Sturge-Weber Syndrome, a rare congenital neurological disorder associated with seizures. She has had more strokes, mini-strokes and seizures than her mother, Kelly Kefauver, can recount. But the stroke in February was severe.

Fred Shirley, who is the rehab services supervisor for Citrus Memorial Health System, wanted to help Megan with a device called Saebo Flex, a custom fabricated wrist, hand and finger brace because her right hand curled with her fingers clutching over her thumb. The device would fit over Megan's hand and allow her fingers to exercise by gripping rubber balls and moving them. This would strengthen and correct her hand.

But as the Saebo Flex was custom made, it was expensive. Megan did not have insurance. She needed \$1,500 for the device.

Fortunately, the donor came forward to purchase the device for Megan. Now, after doing exercises with the Saebo Flex for several months, Megan has found she has good movement in her right hand.

"When you read stories like that, you can relate to what you would do if it was someone in your own family, for example," the donor said. "If you feel able to do it, then you want to do it."

The donor said the purchase for Megan was made in response to an appeal from Chris Pool, director of marketing and philanthropy. "Megan is a young girl," the donor said. "It could



CHRIS VAN ORMER/Chronicle

From left: Citrus Memorial Health System Auxiliary members Evelyn McCaw, treasurer; Gwen G. Mitchell, first vice president; Jack Condron, president; Sandi Phillips, second vice president; and Bonnie Steffen, secretary, stand Monday at the flower fountain at the entrance to the hospital. The auxiliary staff raised the funds to install the fountain that they hope will offer a welcoming feeling to patients. Brick pavers surround the fountain as part of the hospital's fundraising effort. A paver with a person or family name inscribed can be acquired for a \$100 donation.

make a difference in her life. I was able to do that. I didn't have second thoughts about helping her out."

The donor did not know much about the Saebo Flex.

"The fact that the physical therapist knew about this and he felt that it may help her gain movement of her hand, well, it was worth a try," the donor said. "If they don't try, then they will never find out if it would help."

The donor said that the main difference between giving funds to general charity and helping fund a patient's treatment, like Megan's, is that the person making the donation could be sure that 100 percent of the funding went directly to the patient.

While it is good to give to charities, those who donate sometimes question how much of the funding goes to those in need and how much goes into the business costs of

the charity organization.

The donor wanted to remain anonymous to keep the focus on Megan rather than draw attention away from her.

"I'm hoping people who read about Megan will be inclined to help somebody else out," the donor said.

Giving comes through in many ways. Citrus Memorial's auxiliary members constantly donate their time as volunteers to assist at the hospital. But they also raise money for hospital projects.

Recently, the volunteers installed a flower fountain at the entrance of the hospital.

"We raise money from several sources," said Jack Condron, auxiliary president. "Our gift shop sales. We have fundraising sales once every month. We get a percentage of all the canteen sales from the vending machines."

The flower fountain has

cost about \$17,000, Condron said. As the hospital's spending gives patient care priority, it had no funds left to make the concrete area in the front more appealing.

"We thought this was something that could leave our little legacy, plus it would help the patients and welcome the people when they come to the hospital," Condron said. "It's a nice thing." The pavers around the flower fountain can have a person or family's name inscribed for a donation of \$100.

"There are still plenty for sale," Condron said. "That will be another nice thing."

For information about making gifts to the hospital, go to <http://cmhfoundation.com/waystogive.html>.

Chronicle reporter Chris Van Ormer can be reached at (352) 564-2916 or cvanormer@chronicleonline.com.



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Brittany Hair and her sons Rian and Jacob Hair roughhouse outside the school. Hair surprised her sons by showing up unexpectedly at Rock Crusher Elementary School on Wednesday. She is on leave from the U.S. Army and was able to get home to surprise her children.

SOLDIER

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and everybody is happy she is home."

Brittany, who is stationed in Fort Drum in New York, was originally going to surprise the kids at their football practice Friday, but instead opted to fly directly from Kuwait to Tampa to see her children sooner.

Brittany, who has been in the Army for four years, will be stateside for 15 days before

returning to her duties in Afghanistan for another six months. This is her second deployment to that country. She was there in 2008-09.

"I am so happy to be here. For some reason, this one is harder than before, but the kids understand what I do and they are OK with mommy being gone."

Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe can be reached at (352) 564-2925 or asidibe@chronicleonline.com.

BOCC

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the harm in continuing with Gold on a month-to-month agreement while preparing to ask for bids.

Commissioner Winn Webb said the private sector and nearly all the county was reducing their budgets.

"I think it would be our fiscal responsibility to do it that way," Webb said.

County Administrator Brad Thorpe apologized that the renewal went to the BOCC three days before the

expiration of the contract. He said he would address the issue internally.

"I have spoken to Mr. (Keith) Gold and he is agreeable to doing this on a month-to-month contract," Thorpe said.

Thorpe said it would take two or three months to hire a public relations company on contract.

BOCC Chairman Dennis Damato stated three options were before the board: Renew the agreement as it is, change it to month to month, or choose not to renew it.

"If we do not renew it, it

puts us at a disadvantage because we wouldn't have any advertising with a peak tourist season coming up," Damato said.

Damato asked about the terms of the original contract. Bays said the company was hired nine years ago and has had differing lengths on contract terms.

Thorpe said it would not hurt for new companies to come in and give presentations of what they could offer in services. It would give the BOCC and the TDC the opportunity to look at something new.

Lecanto resident Chris

Lloyd said that while he did not know Keith Gold well, the county should give contracted companies more consideration than three days when changing their terms.

"It's unprofessional to do it this way," Lloyd said.

Commissioners agreed unanimously to renew the contract with Gold on a month-to-month basis and a 30-day notice period.

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This notice is to inform our Bright House Networks customers of upcoming changes to their cable programming lineup.

The first nationwide test of the U.S. Emergency Alert System will occur at 2:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. It will interrupt programming for up to 3 minutes. Visit www.fcc.gov for more information.

Effective on or after October 13th, 2011. Events On Demand, channel 293, will be removed. The programming content will be moved to Movies On Demand, channel 1.

Effective November 1st, 2011. WFTS will be reprogramming digital channel 629 from AccuWeather Channel to the ABC Action News Live Well Network Channel.

Effective on or after November 3rd, 2011:

- International Movies On Demand, channel 292, will be removed. The programming content will be moved to Movies On Demand, channel 1.
- Cutting Edge On Demand, channel 345, will be removed. The programming content will be moved to Entertainment On Demand, channel 360.
- Kids Pre-school On Demand, channel 351, will be removed. The programming content will be moved to Kids On Demand, channel 350.
- Movies On Demand: Thrillers, channel 93, will be removed. The programming content will be moved to Movies On Demand: Hits, channel 90.

Effective on or after November 9th, 2011:

- E! launches on channel 24 in Hernando county
- E! launches on channel 96 in Citrus county
- E! is available full time on channel 22 in Hillsborough county
- C-SPAN launches on digital channel 175
- C-SPAN2 will launch in Digital format on channel 176. C-SPAN2 will move to the Digital Basic level of video service. The analog format will no longer be available, and, the previous channel locations for C-SPAN2 will be removed:
 - o Pinellas, Manatee, Hernando, Pasco & Citrus counties - removed from channel 24
 - o Polk county - removed from channel 7
 - o Hillsborough county - removed from channel 22
- C-SPAN3 moves to digital channel 177 (and is removed from channel 129)
- VH1 launches on channel 62 in Hernando county
- VH1 is available full time on channel 24 in Pasco & Citrus counties
- CNBC is available full time on channel 42 in Hernando county

The following channels will or have changed their names:

- Discovery HD Theater became Velocity on or around October 4, 2011.
- History International became H2 on or around September 26, 2011.
- American Life TV became youtoo on or around September 16, 2011.

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

On or after November 9th, 2011, the following services will be delivered on the SDV system:

- ShopNBC will launch in Digital format only on channels 71 and 160. ShopNBC will no longer be available in analog format, and, will not be available on channel 98. ShopNBC will move to the Standard level of video service.
- C-SPAN HD launches on channel 1226

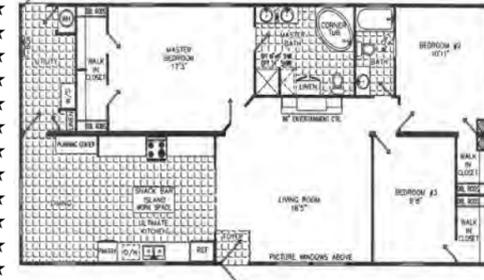
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Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

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Obituaries



Fred Kingrey
DUNNELLON

Fred Jackson Kingery passed away on September 26 in Dunnellon. Born in Florida, he graduated from Saint Petersburg High in 1944. He served in the army in the Philippines under General MacArthur during WWII. Known to be an enthusiastically hard worker, Kingery was plant operations manager with Pinellas County Water for 39 years.



Fred Kingery

He was married 49 years to the late Barbara Kersey, then 15 years to the late Doris Woolley and is survived by his current wife, Gale Wilson. He is also survived by his children, Mark Kingery and Kandis (Wayne) Dees; his grandchildren, Brent (Kim) Dees, Kendall Dees, Keri Kingery and Shane (Helen) Kingery; and his nine great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be at 9:30 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon on Saturday, Oct. 1. Arrangements by Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon, FL 34432. Condolences may be left at RobertsofDunnellon.com.

Gladys Riechel, 71
BEVERLY HILLS

Gladys M. Riechel, 71, of Beverly Hills, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2011. Visitation is Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, from 2 to 4 p.m., with a Chapel Service of Remembrance following at Fero Funeral Home. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Fero Funeral Home.

Ralph Nash, 57
FLORAL CITY

Ralph Edward Nash, 57, Floral City, died September 26, 2011, at Munroe Regional Medical Center. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory with Pastor Don Barber officiating. Ralph was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 16, 1953, to the late Franklin D. Nash Sr. and Marjorie Claire (Henly) Nash and came to this area



Ralph Nash

in 1985 from there. Ralph enjoyed family get-togethers and had a great sense of humor; he liked telling jokes. He was a NASCAR racing fan and enjoyed keeping track of the drivers and their cars and was an avid reader. He was a service advisor for Love Chevrolet and was knowledgeable about "everything Chevy," having served in the Chevrolet automobile industry for over 40 years.

His survivors include his wife of 32 years, Janice K. Nash, Floral City; two sons, Jeremy (Laura) Nash and Justin Nash, all of Inverness; his daughter, Melissa (Scott) Hosack, St. Petersburg; a brother, Gene Nash, Brandon, FL; sister, Gayle (Jerry) Riley, Pinellas Park, FL; and three grandchildren, Mallie Jo and Jack Hosack and Ava Nash. He was preceded in death by a brother, Franklin D. Nash Jr.

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George Rooks, 73
INVERNESS

George Delton Rooks, 73, Inverness, died Monday, September 26, 2011, at his residence. A lifelong Floridian, he was born in Inverness on December 26, 1937, to the late George S. and Stella Mae (Smith) Rooks. He was employed by the Brooksville Rock Mine for 48 years as a truck driver. George served our country in the U.S. Navy.



George Rooks

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Betty Summers Rooks, Inverness; his son, Troy V. Kirk II (Katie), Inverness; three daughters, Donna Jean Clark, Fort Pierce, FL, Teresa Obyr, Baker, FL, and Sherry Sanders, Crystal River, FL; two sisters, Norma Rooks Ray, Lecanto, and Wanda Rooks Chadwick, Inverness; several grandchildren including Troy V. Kirk, III, Tabitha C. Kirk and John Kirk; and one great-grandson, Damien Kirk.

A funeral service of remembrance will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory with the Rev. Leary Willis officiating. The family will greet friends in visitation from 9 a.m. until the hour of service. Inurnment will follow on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Florida National Cemetery with military honors.

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Crystal River High School Homecoming candidates



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

The Crystal River High School student body, faculty and staff have been preparing for Friday night's homecoming football game against the Citrus High School Hurricanes. Game time will begin early this week with a 7 p.m. kickoff. Homecoming court members are, from back left, Sarah Kern, Rachel Dudek, Monica Maldonado, Erica Suraze, Taylor Fairchild, Ayla Decaire, Molly Thomas, Martina Tafoya; front row from left, Gerry Crawford, Jesus Benedetti, Mathew Camp, Charles Moschello, Taylor Ockman, Donnie Dewees, Weston Pope and Dadrin Ruiz. Ticket prices for the game will be \$6 and the homecoming dance will immediately follow the game with a theme of "Sea Swept."

Government grows pot for medical use

Four patients left in program stemming from court case

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Some time after midnight on a moonlit rural Oregon highway, a state trooper checking a car he had just pulled over found pot on a passenger.

The discovery was not surprising in a marijuana-friendly state like Oregon, but the 72-year-old woman's defense was: She insisted the weed was legal and given to her by none other than the federal government.

A series of phone calls from a dubious trooper and his supervisor to federal authorities determined that the glaucoma patient was not joking — the U.S. government does grow and provide pot to a select few people across the United States.

For the past three decades, Uncle Sam has been providing patients with some of the highest grade marijuana around as part of a little-known program that grew out of a 1976 court settlement and created the country's first legal pot smoker: The program once provided 14

people government pot. Now, there are four left.

Advocates for legalizing marijuana or treating it as a medicine say the program is a glaring contradiction in the nation's 40-year war on drugs — maintaining the federal ban on pot while at the same time supplying it.

Government officials say there is no contradiction. The program is no longer accepting new patients, and public health authorities have concluded that there was no scientific value to it, Steven Gust of the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse told The Associated Press. The government has only continued to supply the marijuana "for compassionate reasons," Gust said.

One of the recipients is Elvy Musikka, the chatty Oregon woman. A vocal marijuana advocate, Musikka relies on the pot to keep her glaucoma under control. She entered the program in 1988, and said that her experience with marijuana is proof that it works as a medicine.

They "won't acknowledge the fact that I do not have even one aspirin in this house," she said, leaning back on her couch, glass bong cradled in her hand. "I have no pain."

Marijuana is getting a look from states around the country considering calls to repeal decades-old marijuana prohibition laws. There are 16 states that have medical marijuana programs. In the three West Coast states, advocates are readying tax-and-sell or other legalization programs.

Marijuana was legal for much of U.S. history and was recognized as a medi-

cine in 1850. Opposition to it began to gather and, by 1936, 48 states had passed laws regulating pot, fearing it could lead to addiction.

In 1976, a federal judge ruled that the Food and Drug Administration must provide Robert Randall of Washington, D.C. with marijuana because of his glaucoma — no other drug could effectively combat his condition. Randall became the nation's first legal pot smoker since the drug's prohibition.

Eventually, the government created its program as part of a compromise over Randall's care in 1978.

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Witnesses describe scene surrounding Jackson's death

Trial of doctor continues

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The last days of Michael Jackson's life were filled with the adulation of fans, a rehearsal performance onlookers described as amazing and intense preparations for his big comeback in London.

In good spirits, Jackson chatted with well-wishers outside his home and at the Staples Center where he practiced songs and dance routines before he returned home. Then, things took a tragic turn, according to Michael Amir Williams, who testified Wednesday in the trial of the doctor charged with involuntary manslaughter in the superstar's death.

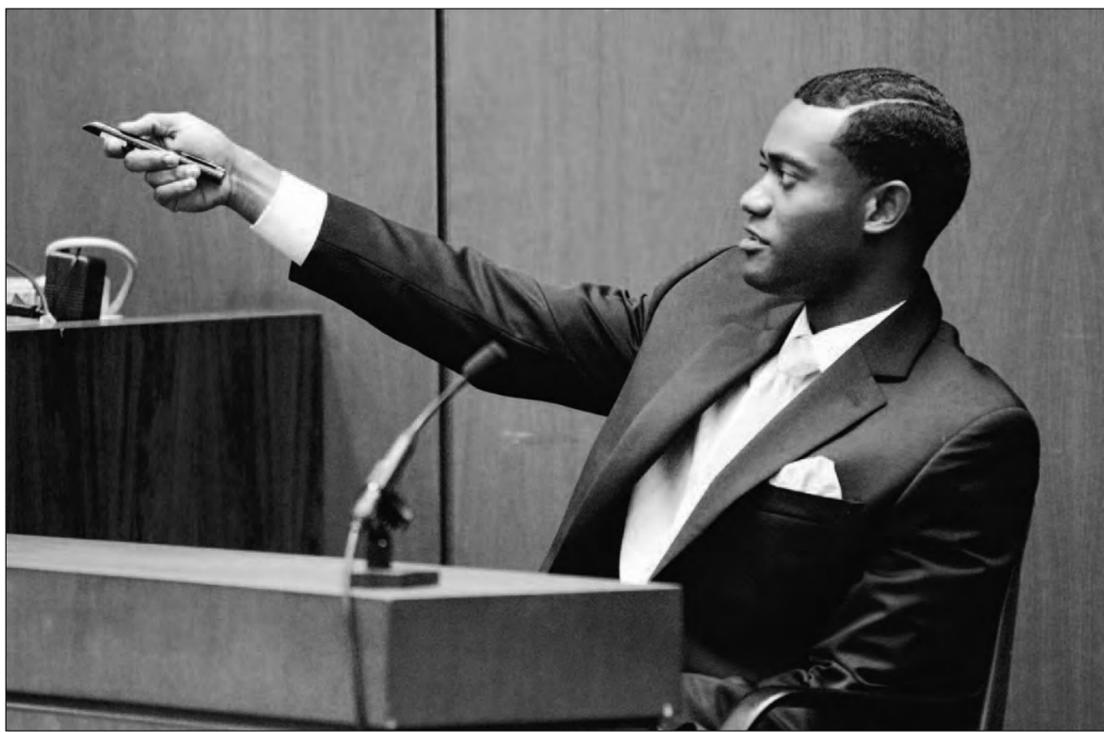
Williams, who had gone with him to the rehearsal and had dropped Jackson at home, said he got a frantic call the next day from Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray. "He said, 'Get here right away. Mr. Jackson had a bad reaction.' He said, 'Get someone up here right away,'" Williams told the jury.

A security guard, Faheem Muhammad, testified that he arrived at Jackson's bedroom to find Murray sweating and nervous, leaning over Jackson and trying to revive him. He said that Jackson's two older children, Paris and Prince, were in shock, and that Paris fell to the ground, curled up and weeping.

Moments later, Muhammad said, he heard Murray ask if anyone knew CPR.

The testimony on the second day of the trial helped shed light on what Murray did and didn't do after he found Jackson unconscious in June 2009. Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison and would have to relinquish his medical license.

On June 24, 2009, the day before Jackson's death, Murray was in negotiations to join Jackson on his tour as his personal physician,



Associated Press

Michael Jackson's personal assistant, Michael Amir Williams, testifies Wednesday during the second day of Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in downtown Los Angeles. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted.

testified lawyer Kathy Jorrie of concert giant AEG Live. She said she was gathering information for an insurance company to make sure Jackson was in good health and could be insured.

"Dr. Murray told me repeatedly that Michael Jackson was perfectly healthy, in excellent condition. Don't worry about it. He's great," she recalled.

Jorrie said Murray had added to his contract a provision for a CPR machine when they got to London for the highly touted show that would include 50 concerts over nine months. "He needed to be sure if something went wrong he would have such a machine available," she said. "He also told me it was customary."

Murray signed the contract, which would give him \$150,000 a month, and faxed it to her that night, she said. Jackson, however, would never get to sign it.

In the late afternoon of June 24, Williams, Jackson's personal assistant, said he

arranged for a car and accompanied his boss to Staples Center for a key rehearsal. He said Jackson was in good spirits and had the car stop at the gate so he could roll down the window and chat with fans who were always camped there.

"He would make sure we stopped, stick out his hand, anything to show his fans he loved them," he said.

Williams managed to watch Jackson on stage. "I was an employee but I was a fan first," he said. "I would try to sneak in to watch him. I was working constantly, but I was able to see him perform a little."

How was his performance, asked Deputy District Attorney David Walgren.

"Personally, I thought it was amazing," Williams said. "I thought it was the best thing in the world. He

had told me he didn't go 100 per cent for the rehearsal. It was about 40 per cent. But I thought it was great."

They returned to Jackson's rented Holmby Hills mansion after that, stopping at the gate again. "He was in good spirits," Williams said. "He wanted to stop and say, 'Hi.' He even had some conversation with the fans."

Outside the house, parked in its usual spot, was Murray's car.

Williams brought in gifts that had been given to Jackson and said good-night. Williams checked out with the security staff and went home. The next day at 12:13 p.m. his cell phone rang. There was a message from Murray.

"Were you asked to call 911?" Walgren asked.

"No sir," Williams said. He remembered reaching

Jackson's security guard, Alberto Alvarez. "I said, 'I don't know what's going on but you have to get in the house' ... I said, 'Run. Hurry.'"

Williams said he rushed

from his downtown home and arrived just as Jackson's body was being loaded into an ambulance.

He helped to gather Jackson's three children and put them in a car to follow the ambulance.

"What was Dr. Murray's appearance?" Walgren asked.

"Frantic," he said. "I knew it was serious."

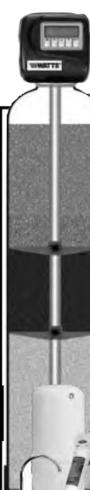
Williams said he was standing outside the emergency room area when Dr. Murray and a group of doctors emerged. "He walked out and closed the curtains," he said softly. "He said, 'He passed.'"

At one point, Walgren had Williams identify a photograph of Jackson's children. The famous photo was taken at a memorial service shortly after Jackson's death was projected on a large courtroom screen.

On cross-examination, defense attorney Ed Chernoff questioned Williams about Murray's actions at the hospital. He said Murray asked to be taken back to Jackson's home to collect some cream he believed Jackson would not want the public to know about.

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. INVOCATION
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. ROLL CALL
- E. CHAIRMAN TO READ THE APPEAL PROCESS AND MEETING PROCEDURES
- F. APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
- G. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS
- H. EXPARTE COMMUNICATION COUNTY ATTORNEY
- G. APPLICATIONS

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT/ATLAS AMENDMENT
 - a. CPA/AA-11-07: CREIGHTON FOR HUNTLEY

REQUEST: From Professional Service Offices (PSO) to General Commercial (GNC) on the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM) and the Land Development Code Atlas (LDCA).

LOCATION: Section 07, Township 20 South, Range 18 East. Further described as a portion of Parcel 12220 (Parcel 4-4 of LR-10-11) located at the southeast corner of US 19 and W. Cardinal Street.

STAFF CONTACT: Cynthia L. Jones, Transportation Planner, Planning Division
 - b. CPA/AA-11-10 MOSQUITO CONTROL

REQUEST: From Low Density Residential (LDR) to General Commercial (GNC) on the Generalized Future Land Use Map Designation and Land Development Code Atlas Designation

LOCATION: Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 18 East. Further described as a portion of Parcel 14420, which property is known as 920 N. Lecanto Highway. (Lecanto Area)

STAFF CONTACT: Kandi K. Harper, AICP, Senior Planner, Planning Division
 - c. CPA/AA/PDO-11-03 Neal for Eden/New Horizon Funding, Inc.

REQUEST: From CL, Low Intensity Coastal Lakes to RVP, Recreational Vehicle Park on the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM) and on the Land Development Code Atlas (LDC) for approximately 206 acres.

LOCATION: Sections 14 and 15, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Further described as a portion of Parcel 10000; (Inverness Area)

STAFF CONTACT: Cynthia L. Jones, Transportation Planner, Planning Division PDRB Agenda Page 2 October 6, 2011
 - d. CPA-11-14 Plan Adjustments

REQUEST: Amendments to the Future Land Use (FLU) Element, Capital Improvements (CIE) Element, and the Coastal, Lakes, and Rivers Management (CLRM) Element of the Comprehensive Plan; specifically, policies regarding Coastal and Lakes Commercial (CLC) District, Industrial land use locations, public expenditures in the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), and deleting outdated language.

STAFF CONTACT: Kandi K. Harper, AICP, Senior Planner, Planning Division
- H. ADDITIONAL ITEMS
- I. ADJOURN

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CapBlB p	47.04	-53	FPA Funds:		
GrowthB	26.36	-58	FPA Funds:		
Artio Global Funds:			FPA Funds:		
Artio	23.73	-48	FPA Funds:		
IntfA	23.11	-48	FPA Funds:		
IntfA	9.88	-19	FPA Funds:		
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Intl	18.95	-40	FPA Funds:		
IntlVal	23.66	-27	FPA Funds:		
MidCap	32.55	-103	FPA Funds:		
MidCapVal	19.07	-43	FPA Funds:		
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BNY Mellon Funds:			FPA Funds:		
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Barron Funds:			FPA Funds:		
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 Will Rogers, 1879-1935

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FUND CARE, NOT LAWSUITS

Budget plan raises questions

The long-running feud over who will control Citrus Memorial Health System took an interesting turn in the last two weeks.

First, the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation board, which has been responsible for the operation of the hospital, said it would be returning a budget that did not rely on any local tax revenues. On Monday, the Foundation did just that, signing off on two budgets — one with \$2 million in local tax dollars and one without.

The move is interesting because the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees, which is responsible for levying the tax, is seeking to gain operational control of the hospital. On Monday, it approved a 2011-12 millage rate of .245, which will generate about \$2.1 million in tax revenue.

The question now is: If the Foundation says it can balance its budget without the tax money, why then is the Board of Trustees still levying a tax?

In this tough fiscal time it seems ridiculous that citizens should continue to pay for legal and administrative fees for something that is rendered moot by the Foundation's new budget.

It is obvious to us that the Foundation's new budget, sans local tax revenue, is a strategic move in the battle for operational control of the hospital. However, taxpayers are less concerned about the political infighting and more concerned about how their hard-earned dollars are being spent. If the group currently operating the hospital says "we can do it without local tax dollars," then let's do it without tax dollars.

THE ISSUE:

Citrus Memorial tax levy.

OUR OPINION:

Why does tax exist?

What did you think?

Somebody called in complaining that we don't have a Bob Evans or Popeye's chicken place in Citrus County. So why did they move here? Other people complain that we don't have a Macy's or Alexander's. Others complain that they don't have streetlights. Well, why don't people investigate into this stuff before going to a bank for a loan to buy a place? Do they expect that once they move here, everybody will cater to them and build these places around them? You should have thought about all these things before making that big move. This is called planning — try it sometime.



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sibility study. Or does that only apply to port projects?

Credit due

I'm not particularly fond of any politicians, Republican or Democrat, but I believe Obama should get a lot of credit. He's gone where no politician has ever gone before. He's been strong on attacking — even filed or formed a task force to attack — Medicare fraud. He's recovered hundreds of millions of dollars, especially right here in Florida. And it looks like he's going to recover a lot more and this is all money going into the taxpayers' pocket, where before everybody claimed it was too much trouble and too expensive to go after these crooks.

Organ volume

This is not really a complaint — it's a request. I go to a small church on Saturday and the organist, sometimes they play awful loud. They think it's in a big cathedral. They've got to realize that some of us senior citizens, it bothers our ears and gives us a headache. I mean they should play a little softer. If you say something to them, they get mad. But it is irritating to have someone play real loud, banging in your ears when you're in a small church and it just bounces off the walls. It's not a big cathedral they're playing in. They've got to realize that and have a little more consideration for us people sitting behind you.

Not just Americans

Reference letters to the editor, page A12, Friday (Sept. 23): Diane Buck states, "Huh? We absolutely know that Islamic jihadists killed 3,000 innocent Americans." George W. Bush said that several times. A thorough investigation revealed that those killed or injured represented 66 nations.

Step up to the cup, wiseguys

Gov. Rick Scott's crusade to drug-test cash welfare applicants is turning out to be another thickheaded scheme that's backfiring on Florida taxpayers.



Carl Hiaasen
OTHER VOICES

The biggest beneficiaries are the testing companies that collect \$10 to \$25 for urine, blood or hair screening, a fee being paid by the state (you and me) whenever the applicant tests clean — currently about 97 percent of the cases.

The law, which easily passed the Legislature this year, was based on the misinformed and condescending premise that welfare recipients are more prone to use illegal drugs than people who are fortunate enough to have jobs.

Statistically, the opposite is true, despite the claims of Scott and Republican legislators who cheered this unnecessary and intrusive law.

The Department of Children and Families reports that since July, when the drug-testing program started, only 2.5 percent of welfare applicants have failed.

By contrast, about 8.9 percent of the general population illegally uses some kind of drug, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

This substantial disparity in favor of the unemployed is not an anomaly. Thirteen years ago, the Florida Legislature funded a pilot drug-testing project targeting poor residents who were receiving temporary cash assistance from the state. Of the nearly 8,800 applicants who got screened for drugs, fewer than 4 percent tested positive. That little exercise in class-bashing cost taxpayers about \$2.7 million.

Either the governor didn't know about the earlier study, couldn't handle the math or just didn't want to be bothered with the facts.

However, here are some new numbers that even a sixth-grader can understand:

When the law was passed, the DCF said the new drug-screening law would result in about 4,400 tests a month, or 52,800 a year, at a charge of \$10 to \$25 each.

Applicants initially pay for their own tests, but they're reimbursed by the state if the results of the drug screens are negative.

If the current rate of failure holds steady at a measly 2.5 percent, Florida taxpayers will be on the hook for 97.2 percent of the tests, between \$515,000 and \$1.27 million annually.

This is not the scenario presented by Scott and others like Rep. Jimmie T. Smith of Inverness, who justified the law by wrongly implying that welfare recipients have higher drug-use rates than the rest of us. Good luck finding an office building in Tallahassee where only 2.5 percent of the workers smoke pot in their leisure time.

The support for the drug-testing law — and the polls say it's popular — is based on the reasonable notion that people who are struggling to find a job shouldn't be spending a dime on dope. Whether you can legislate sobriety or common sense is highly debatable, but the more pressing question is whether such laws are ultimately worth the expense to government.

So far, the state hasn't offered any figures on how much money we're "saving" by drug-testing welfare applicants. Each month the number of those seeking cash assistance varies, and the amount of each payment depends on the circumstances and size of the family.

But with such a small percentage of applicants testing positive, the state will be lucky indeed if the amount of denied welfare benefits exceeds the true costs of administering the law, which go well beyond the urine and blood screens.

Taxpayers are also paying the governor's legal fees to defend a

predictable (and winnable) lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the blanket drug-testing requirement.

A Navy veteran who's a single father in Orlando, joined by the American Civil Liberties Union, charges that Scott's law allows "unreasonable and suspicionless searches" because it's used against all cash welfare applicants, regardless of whether or not they show evidence of drug use.

Not surprisingly, the staff of the Florida House raised a similar concern when the measure was being written. And, not surprisingly, grandstanding lawmakers shrugged it off.

Some judges haven't been so quick to do so. In Michigan, a drug-testing program aimed at welfare recipients was struck down by a federal court, citing privacy rights in the Fourth Amendment.

Back in 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court likewise relied on the Fourth Amendment when voting 8-1 to nullify a Georgia statute requiring all political candidates to take a drug test.

Here in Florida, Rick Scott's campaign promise of mass job creation is at least coming true for professional urine samplers. However, in addition to being sued over drug-testing welfare parents, Scott also faces a court fight for ordering random substance screening on thousands of state workers.

Interestingly, the governor's pee-in-the-cup mandate doesn't apply to the one bunch that whizzes away more tax dollars than anyone else — the legislators who pass such useless laws.

I say line up all 160 of 'em for a patriotic whiz-fest at the Capitol clinic. You think more than 2.5 percent might test positive? Let's find out.

And I'll pay for it out of my own pocket. Seriously.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Dissolve Crystal River

A number of years have passed since my last submission on the topic of Crystal River. As a resident, I watched how dysfunctional the city council was with all the fighting over the turnover of city managers due to politics. I suggested at that time that the city disband because we residents were paying for the expensive lawsuits, lawyers and stupidity. They finally settled on a new city manager, which seemed to bring peace. By then we had drained the treasury.

It's been more than six years, and with the economy in freefall again, we need to revisit the issue of disbanding the city. The town has shrunk, with fewer residents and businesses. Just look at the mall. Half the mall is vacant and is not worth saving. Drive down U.S. 19 and look at all the vacancies. This town looks like a town on the decline.

I have to ask: Why do we need this uncreative council to make

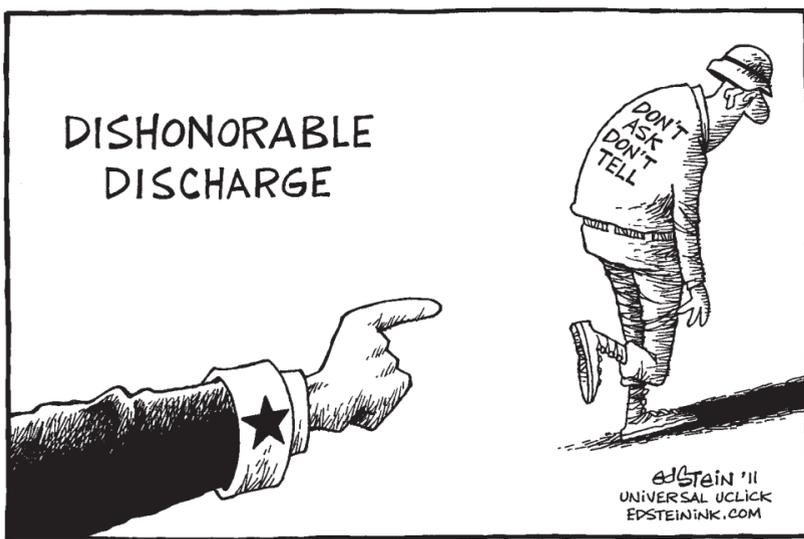
decisions for the rest of us? The town is no longer vibrant and needs to take advantage of the savings by disbanding. They are small-minded in their approach to seeing the bigger picture. There are no enhanced services with this council. What great achievements do they have to show us? The unincorporated areas have more people and are reaping some savings by just having the county provide the services. The council has been anti-growth.

The proof is in the pudding. This is certainly not Shangri-la. I'm all for less government and ridding ourselves of duplicated services. Once we got the sheriff's office to take over the police, things have been better. The same will happen with everything else. The only thing that city hall is good for is a community center, as I suggested before.

Eric Palhof
 Crystal River

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Shell out

It's interesting. Everybody wants to have a Bob Evans and a Popeyes chicken restaurant put in this area — Homosassa, Crystal River, Inverness or whatever. For all these people that are so anxious to have one put in, I'd like to know how much money would they put up front to help establish this facility? If you want something bad enough, shell into your pockets and help pay for it.

Well said

Don Hess, your commentary regarding the bumper-sticker tea party was right on. Well said, Don.

Great column

Thank you for Nancy Kennedy's great column about the World War II Memorial in today, Sunday's (Sept. 25) paper. Brought tears to my eyes also, as I have my own memories of those years. Some spent in my family's bomb shelter in East London until my company evacuated me into this country where I met and married my late Yankee soldier husband. Had 43 years with him. I enjoy Nancy's Saturday column, also.

Kudos, Frank

It's puzzling that there has been no response to the article in the Sept. 17 *Chronicle* about the blue laws regarding allowance of selling liquor before 1 p.m. on Sundays. Kudos to City Manager Frank DiGiovanni for sticking to his guns and doing the right thing. Again, it's all about money and I'm surprised that some of our "local leaders" are espousing this change. Suffice it to say, this change only serves to add to the negative approach some citizens are taking in disregarding the Lord's Day and what it really is all about. The Scripture says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon (money)" — Matthew 6:24.

Great read

This is in reference to the Don Hess column on Sunday, Sept. 25. It was in reference to the bumper-sticker party. I enjoyed the column, Don. Thanks for writing it. And I have a good B.S. for you: What a great column.

Park alone

This is in response to "Leave a note": No one is going to leave a note when they bump your vehicle with their car door. However, backing into your bumper and a scrape is another thing and a note should have been left. In the meantime, try parking farther away instead of where everyone else is parked.

This alone could eliminate a lot of dings from car doors. I, too, purchased a brand-new truck three months ago off the showroom floor and I park as far away from anyone as I possibly can and have no dings or scratches.

Don't develop

This is in response to Commissioner Joe Meek talking about how important it is to develop Citrus Springs. Myself, along with other Citrus Springs residents, picked Citrus Springs as a place to live because of the fact that it was very undeveloped and nice and peaceful and quiet. Look at how development has ruined Beverly Hills. Citrus Springs does not really have that because not many people are residing in Citrus Springs.

The one thing that Citrus Springs does not need is development. Let it stay nice, peaceful and quiet, like most residents like it. That's what attracted people to this area from up North and other places.

Don't talk and drive

I really don't understand the people in this county who drive with one hand on the steering wheel and one hand on a cell phone

slammed against their ear. Two things: They look stupid, for one thing, and secondly, that's very dangerous to drive with one hand. I don't think they can drive that well if they can't have two hands on the steering wheel.

They make a device called a Bluetooth headset, which allows you to go hands-free where you can have both hands on the wheel. They cost \$30 or \$40 for a reasonable one.

Congress' schedule

I thought Congress just got back from a vacation. How come they're taking another week off?

They don't do enough work to make that much vacation time. In fact, they shouldn't even get paid for vacations.

Kudos, Diana

Couldn't believe that article Diana West did on the limbs that must be lost in Afghanistan. Does anybody see these? Does anybody read this? I was sick to my stomach.

I can't believe it's still going on. When are men going to stop killing each other? This Diana West, I wish I knew where I can get in touch with her because I don't have a computer. Kudos to her for writing stuff like that. Good for you, Diana.

LETTERS to the Editor

Funds dwindling

Republicans should jump at the chance to oppose payroll tax cuts that affect Social Security. According to estimates, if President Obama gets his way with a 3.1 percent reduction, Social Security will lose \$175 billion next year. With the 2 percent reduction this year, Social Security lost around \$113 billion. It is estimated Social Security will go bankrupt in 2036, but if Obama continues to take away money from the fund, it will be much sooner. Tax cuts should come from a reduction in federal income tax rates and capital gains, not from Social Security funds.

Obama has already destroyed Medicare by ripping \$500 billion from the existing program when he signed Obamacare. As of right now, Medicare is expected to go bankrupt in 2024, but could be sooner because Obama is relying on billions of dollars in savings by cutting payments to doctors and rationing health care to seniors.

The Federal Reserve Board, under Chairman Ben Bernanke refused to raise interest rates, claiming our existing inflation rate of 3 1/2 percent would fall to 2 percent in the coming months. He projects interest rates to remain the same well into 2013, so we have no chance of earning interest on our investments.

Seniors have not re-

ceived a COLA (cost of living adjustment) for 2010 or 2011. Over a three-year period, the average senior citizen will suffer a loss of \$2,532. Please note Congress received its automatic raises while senior citizens were denied.

How much longer can senior citizens survive under this administration? Many of us are having to cash in CDs and IRAs just to survive. We still have to pay for groceries, gasoline, clothing, drug prescrip-

tions, co-pays for doctors, utilities, telephone service and many other expenses with no increase in our Social Security payments.

The Republicans and the tea party understand our plight, but Obama keeps pushing to take more away from us. Please call your members of Congress and tell them to vote no on extending the payroll tax cut if it affects Social Security.

Betty Dobson
Brooksville

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Associated Press

Cantaloupes rot in the afternoon heat Wednesday on a field at Jensen Farms near Holly, Colo. The Food and Drug Administration has recalled 300,000 cases of cantaloupe grown on Jensen Farms after connecting the grower with a listeria outbreak.

Officials expect rise in listeria

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials said Wednesday more illnesses and possibly more deaths may be linked to an outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe.

So far, the outbreak has caused at least 72 illnesses — including up to 16 deaths in 18 states, making it the deadliest food outbreak in the U.S. in more than a decade.

The heads of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration said consumers who have cantaloupes produced by Jensen Farms in Colorado should throw them out.

Neither the government nor Jensen Farms has supplied a list of retailers who may have sold the fruit. Officials say consumers should ask retailers about the origins of their cantaloupe. If they still aren't sure, they should get rid of it.

World BRIEFS

Wheels



Associated Press

A man makes his way along a parking lot lined with cars Wednesday in Havana, Cuba. Cuba legalized the sale and purchase of automobiles for all citizens on Wednesday, another major step in the Communist-run island's economic transformation. The 40-page Official Gazette that published the law, which takes effect Oct. 1, also says Cubans who leave the island for good can transfer ownership of their car to a relative or sell it outright. Previously, the state could seize the automobiles of those who emigrated.

Yemeni tribesmen shoot warplane

SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni military officials say armed tribesmen have shot down a government warplane that was bombing their positions north of the capital, Sanaa.

A Defense Ministry official confirmed Wednesday's incident but gave no further details.

Tribesmen overran a military base belonging to Yemen's elite Republican Guards earlier this week in the area where the aircraft was shot down.

The capture of the base followed weeks of intermittent fighting between the tribesmen and government forces. The tribesmen are believed to have seized a large number of weapons from the base, including anti-aircraft guns.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

—From wire reports

Report: EPA cut corners on climate finding

Watchdog questions the process, not the science behind conclusions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration cut corners before concluding climate-change pollution can endanger human health, a key finding underpinning costly new regulations, an internal government watchdog said Wednesday.

Regulators and the White House disagreed with the finding, and the report itself did not question the science behind the administration's conclusions.

Still, the decision by the Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general is sure to encourage industry lawyers, global warming doubters in Congress and elsewhere, and Republicans taking aim at the agency for what they view as

an onslaught of job-killing environmental regulations.

The report, issued by the EPA's Office of the Inspector General, said the EPA should have followed a more extensive review process for a technical paper supporting its determination that greenhouse gases pose dangers to human health and welfare, a finding that ultimately compelled it to issue controversial and expensive regulations to control greenhouse gases for the first time.

"While it may be debatable what impact, if any, this had on EPA's finding, it is clear that EPA did not follow all the required steps," Inspector General Arthur A. Elkins Jr. said in a statement Wednesday.

The EPA and White House said the greenhouse gas document did

not require more independent scrutiny because the scientific evidence it was based on already had been thoroughly reviewed. The agency did have the document vetted by 12 experts, although one of those worked for EPA.

"The report importantly does not question or even address the science used or the conclusions reached," the EPA said in a statement.

The environmental agency said its work "followed all appropriate guidance," a conclusion supported by the White House budget official who wrote the peer review guidelines in 2005. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has said repeatedly her conclusions were based on the underlying science, not the agency's summary of it.

The greenhouse gas decision — which marked a reversal from the Bush administration — was announced in December 2009, a week

before President Barack Obama headed to international negotiations in Denmark on a new treaty to curb global warming. At the time, progress was stalled in Congress on a new law to reduce emissions in the United States. In 2010, a survey of more than 1,000 of the world's most cited and published climate scientists found 97 percent believe climate change is very likely caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

But by highlighting what it calls "procedural deviations," the report provides ammunition to Republicans and industry lawyers fighting the Obama administration over its decision to use the 40-year-old Clean Air Act to fight global warming. While the Supreme Court said in 2007 the act could be used to control greenhouse gases, the Republican-controlled House has passed legislation that would change that. The bill has so far been stymied by the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Explosive uptick

Violent incidents up 39 percent in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The monthly average of armed clashes, roadside bombings and other violence in Afghanistan is running 39 percent ahead of last year's figure, U.N. reported Wednesday, with more complex suicide operations involving multiple bombers and gunmen.

The statistics show the intensity of the nearly decade-old war is growing, not abating, as the U.S. and other nations start to withdraw some forces with an eye toward pulling all combat troops out by the end of 2014. The Taliban's resilience raises questions about whether the Afghan government and its Western allies have a solid grip on security — and whether the Afghan forces can ever secure the nation by themselves.

NATO says it has made progress in taming the Taliban insurgency by routing its strongholds in the south. But the Taliban have hit back with several high-profile attacks in the capital and assassinations of government officials and senior Afghan leaders.

In its quarterly report



Associated Press

An Afghan police officer, left, looks at a police vehicle damaged Tuesday in a suicide attack in Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, Afghanistan. A suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into a police truck outside a bakery in southern Afghanistan, killing a number of civilians, officials said.

on Afghanistan, the U.N. said as of the end of August, the average monthly number of incidents stood at 2,108, up 39 percent over the same period a year earlier. It did not provide comparable data. The figures include insurgent attacks as well as assaults by NATO and Afghan forces on Taliban figures and positions.

"Armed clashes and improvised explosive devices continued to constitute the majority of incidents," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his report. "The south and southeast of the country, particularly around the city of Kandahar, continued to be the

focus of military activity and accounted for approximately two-thirds of the total security incidents."

The U.S.-led coalition said it disputes the U.N. figures and planned to hold a news conference Thursday to release its own statistics related to overall violence trends in Afghanistan.

Kandahar, the birthplace of the Taliban insurgency, was where most of the 33,000 additional U.S. troops President Barack Obama sent to Afghanistan were deployed. The extra U.S. and other NATO forces succeeded in routing insurgents from their stronghold and now are

trying to hold those areas in the south.

The militants, however, have opened new fronts in the north and west and have stepped up attacks in the east, including ones inside the heavily secured capital, Kabul.

According to the U.N. report, while the number of suicide attacks remained steady, insurgents conducted more suicide operations involving multiple bombers and gunmen.

It said on average, three complex attacks have been carried out each month from January to August — a 50 percent increase compared with the same period last year.

U.S. presses wary ally Egypt on Israel, democracy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amid a chaotic post-revolution period, the United States on Wednesday pressed Egypt's interim military leadership to strengthen Egypt's partnership with Israel and stick to scheduled elections later this year, even though a new set of leaders much less friendly to the U.S. and the Jewish state may be the winners.

After a meeting with the Egyptian foreign minister, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton went out of her way to describe the country's ruling military council as "an institution of stability and continuity," commending it for adhering to Egypt's 32-year-old peace agreement with Israel. She called the Camp David Accords "essential for stability and, of course, essential for Egypt's growth, prosperity and peaceful transition."

But alongside the praise she expressed some growing concerns with the military's domestic policies, specifically a decision to extend well into next year the emergency laws that were a mainstay of abuse during Hosni Mubarak's three-decade rule.

"We hope to see the law lifted sooner than that," Clinton told reporters. "We think that is an important step on the way to the rule of law,



Associated Press

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shakes hands Wednesday with Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr during a joint news conference following a bilateral meeting at the State Department in Washington.

to the kind of system of checks and balances that are important in protecting the rights of the Egyptian people, to create the context for free and democratic elections."

The American demands on Egypt represent in some ways the twin set of hopes and fears with the movements for greater democracy in the Arab world. The Obama administration has championed those move-

ments but hopes to corral their energy so political transitions from Tunisia to Yemen don't slide back into military domination or create a powerful new wave of intolerant populism — as occurred after Iran's Islamic revolution a little more than three decades ago.

The U.S. also hopes populism unleashed in Cairo and elsewhere does not spell the end of Arab alliances with Israel, which, while always shallow and filled with suspicion, were still a foundation of U.S. policy in the Middle East. With the fall of U.S.-backed autocrats such as Egypt's Mubarak, however, the U.S. may have less to offer Arab governments in return for their toleration of Israel.

Clinton promised Egypt the Obama administration's full support for a new beginning. She said the administration was aiming to get congressional support for \$1 billion in debt relief for Egypt, so people "can invest that money into new projects that create jobs and give them a better standard of living." She rejected the call from some in Congress for new conditions on the \$1.5 billion in annual U.S. aid to Egypt. And she spoke of helping to create a network of community colleges in Egypt to provide training for new employment opportunities.

Fugitive hid in Portugal hamlet



Associated Press

This arrest photo taken Feb. 15, 1963, and provided by the New Jersey Department of Corrections shows George Wright while in custody for the 1962 murder of a gas station owner in Wall, N.J.

Associated Press

ALMOCAGEME, Portugal — A 1970s militant who carried out one of the most brazen plane hijackings in U.S. history lived for decades in an idyllic Portuguese hamlet near a stunning beach with his Portuguese wife and two children, neighbors said Wednesday.

George Wright, 68, was taken into custody by local police Monday at the request of the U.S. government, which is seeking his extradition for escaping from a New Jersey jail in 1970 after being convicted of murder. Wright was also named as one of the hijackers of a Delta flight in 1972.

The Portuguese news agency Lusa, citing unnamed police sources, reported Wednesday that the former Black Liberation Army member plans to fight the extradition demand.

During a court appearance Tuesday in Lisbon, Wright asked to be released pending the outcome of the U.S. extradition request, and his request is being reviewed by Portuguese judicial authorities, U.S. Justice Department spokeswoman Laura Sweeney said Wednesday.

Until his arrest, life was sweet for Wright in the tiny town of Almocageme, 28 miles west of Lisbon. Fluent in Portuguese, Wright had no apparent profession but worked at a series of odd jobs, most recently as a nightclub bouncer, said two neighbors who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared being ostracized for speaking out.

Wright also once had a stall at a nearby beach and ran a barbecue chicken restaurant in a nearby town. Wright married a Portuguese woman, identified by neighbors as 55-year-old Maria do Rosario Valente, the daughter of a retired Portuguese army officer. They had two children — Portuguese-born Marco and Sara — now in their early 20s.

RAY-MARKABLE!!!

TAMPA BAY CLINCHES WILD CARD ON LONGORIA HOME RUN

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The Tampa Bay Rays clinched the AL wild card with a stunning rally Wednesday night, overcoming a late seven-run deficit and then beating the New York Yankees 8-7 on Evan Longoria's home run in the 12th inning.

The Rays' win came four minutes after Boston blew a one-run lead in the ninth at Baltimore and lost 4-3. The Red Sox, who held a nine-

game lead over the Rays in early September, and Tampa Bay began the final day of the regular season tied for the wild card.

Longoria hit a three-run homer in the eighth that capped a six-run burst. Pinch-hitter Dan Johnson's two-out, two-strike solo homer in the ninth tied it for Tampa Bay.

Longoria won it with a one-out shot barely inside the left-field foul pole.

Tampa Bay will open the playoffs Friday at Texas.



SPORTS

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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

Team Spotlight: LECANTO BOYS GOLF



Torn between 2 sports

McMichen runs cross country but loves softball

LARRY BUGG
Chronicle correspondent

Maegan McMichen said she doesn't know why she runs cross country.

The Crystal River High junior is one of the top runners on the Crystal River High cross country team. She ran a 21:40 and was ninth recently at the Zak Lucas Memorial Race. The Crystal River High girls took first in the race.

The Crystal River native, however, gets more excited about softball.

Her Crystal River Senior Little League won the state title and took third at regionals last summer. She plans to play for the Pirates varsity team in the spring.

There are benefits to pounding the pavement in cross country.

Cross country running will help her build up her endurance, heart capacity and her speed but she is inclined to playing softball and working towards a college scholarship in that sport.

"I would like to play college softball," she said. "Softball is fun."

One of the nicest things about cross country is that the Crystal River High girls team usually qualifies for the state meet. This year, it will be in November at Little Everglades Ranch near

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Crystal River's Ty DeWees has moved into the leadership role for the Crystal River boys cross country team.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

LARRY BUGG
Chronicle correspondent

In most years, the Crystal River High boys cross country team has had at least one who qualified for the state meet.

Last year, they had a tough runner in Jeremy DeWitt.

This year, the Pirates are hoping Ty DeWees can qualify and lead others to the state meet.

However, DeWees hasn't had a race to prove himself.

The junior ran a 17:55 last year and he hopes to get down to sub 17-minute times. He has been running for three years and the Inverness native has lived in the area all his life. He lives in Inglis.

Tim Byrne, the Crystal River High boys cross country coach, is hoping DeWees can lead his

team and become a top notch runner.

"He is one of those kids who does everything you ask him to do," said Byrne. "If he puts a little more time in the program, he could get more out of it. Last year, he was my number two behind Jeremy. Now, he is the leader on the team."

"He is a great kid. He is very respectful and personable. I am looking forward to seeing what he has in personal ability."

This year's team has mostly freshmen and sophomores. DeWees had to miss a meet due to work. He also hurt his ankle last spring and couldn't do much training over the summer.

DeWees said he wants to earn a college scholarship and possibly study marine biology. He hasn't picked out a school or a group of schools he could possibly attend.

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SLAM DUNK

NBA lockout heads to key stretch this weekend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regular-season games could be at stake when NBA owners and players meet this weekend.

And those might not be all that is lost, Commissioner David Stern warned, without real headway toward a new labor deal.

"All I'd say to that is that there are enormous consequences at play here on the basis of the weekend," Stern said Wednesday. "Either we'll make very good progress, and we know what that would mean — we know how good that would be, without putting dates to it — or we won't make any progress and then it won't be a question of just starting the season on time, it will be a lot at risk because of the absence of progress."

Talks between negotiators ended after two days Wednesday so they could return home before summoning their respective bargaining committees to New York for the most important stretch of the lockout. They will meet Friday and are prepared to talk through the weekend if progress toward a new collective bargaining agreement is being made.

There hasn't been enough of it so far, with the lockout nearly three months complete.

Both Stern and union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said they are not close, with the Nov. 1 season opener a little more than a month away, and Fisher added the commitment to block out multiple days this weekend "points more toward the calendar than actually being able to measure progress."

"It points to the realities that we face with our calendar and that if we can't find a way to get some common ground really, really soon, then the time of starting the regular season at its scheduled date is going to be in jeopardy big-time," he added.

Training camps already have been postponed and 43 games scheduled for the first week of the preseason have been canceled. The league has said it will make decisions about the re-

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Charges dropped against FSU's Reid

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Prosecutors on Wednesday dropped resisting arrest and perjury charges against Florida State cornerback and return specialist Greg Reid.

State Attorney Willie Meggs said he decided not to pursue the case because Tallahassee police didn't really need information Reid had been accused of falsifying when they arrested him at 2:30 a.m. Monday.

"Our position is that he should never have been arrested," said Tim Jansen, Reid's lawyer. "He's not happy that he went through this. He still believes he did nothing wrong."

Florida State is off this Saturday, but

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Sharks smash way past Pirates in four

Associated Press

The Crystal River Lady Pirates volleyball team fell to the Nature Coast Sharks Wednesday night in four games chock full of hard hits and tough blocks on both sides of the net.

The Lady Sharks showed what they're made of in the first play of the game as Kathy Hoak used an unusual serving technique to fire into the Pirates' back row. With a tip-over point and kill from Sharks leading scorer Ruiz, Nature Coast gained an early lead.

Head coach Mike Ridley acknowledged the Sharks are one of the district's toughest opponents.

"They're undefeated in districts," he said. (Nature Coast's Sierra Ruiz) is one of the hardest hitters that we face, but

Nature Coast's Sierra Ruiz hits a ball over against Crystal River's Emily Laga Wednesday in volleyball action at the Crystal River Gym.

DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

(libero) Emila Laga did an amazing job picking up a lot of her digs."

Laga had 19 digs for the night.

Then the blocking bonanza began. Ashley Allen, who had a team-high 11 blocks for the night, led the Lady Pirates (4-4 district) to within 5 points of the lead, but it was too late for a comeback.

Game 2 was a shooting match ultimately won by the Lady Pirates. It would be their only win of the night, but they made it count gaining an 8-point lead during a six-point run with Cassidy Newcomer in the serving position. Back-to-back kills from Megan Unverdorben and Morgan Rea ended the game with a 25-16 win over the Sharks.

The shoot-out continued in Game 3, but this time the Lady Pirates stalled. Despite fierce blocking attempts, too many passes out of bounds and short serves kept the Lady Pirates from coming within 4 of the lead.

"I think there were some points when

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Texans still looking to prove themselves

Associated Press

The Houston Texans have failed many a litmus test in their near-decade of NFL existence. They're still searching for a playoff berth. To get one, the Texans need defining wins. Another chance to prove themselves comes Sunday when the Texans host the Pittsburgh Steelers. The defending AFC champions hardly have looked dominant in going 2-1, with last weekend's squeaker against inept Indianapolis far too close a call for a team with supposed Super Bowl designs.

The oddsmakers like them just enough to make the Texans a 3½-point favorite, which isn't much considering being at home generally is worth three points in the gambling world. Houston's solid showing for much of the game at the Superdome also is responsible for that betting line.

A win and people will take the Texans seriously. At last. **TEXANS, 24-23**

Carolina (plus 6½) at Chicago

It's time for the Bears' defense to show some meanness, some edginess, something out of the Monsters of the Midway past. **BEARS, 21-10**

Detroit (plus 1½) at Dallas

A statement victory for the Lions against a badly bruised bunch of Cowboys. And then, three home games in a row for Detroit. **LIONS, 30-24**

Denver (plus 13) at Green Bay

Not even the biggest game in Cheesehead Land this weekend (see Nebraska at Wisconsin). **PACKERS, 37-20**

New England (minus 4½) at Oakland

Impressed with what Raiders showed in second half vs. Jets. Not so with what Patriots did in second half vs. Bills. Still ... **PATRIOTS, 41-31**

Tennessee (plus 1½) at Cleveland

One of these teams is going to be 3-1 and tied for its division

lead. Time for Chris Johnson to break out. **TITANS, 17-13**

Minnesota (plus 1½) at Kansas City

One of these teams is going to be 0-4 and in the cellar all alone in its division. **CHIEFS, 16-13**

Buffalo (minus 3) at Cincinnati

Ryan Fitzpatrick's return to Cincinnati, and a chance for some vengeance. **BILLS, 27-16**

New Orleans (minus 7) at Jacksonville

The Jack Del Rio countdown to unemployment might be under way. **SAINTS, 31-17**

Miami (plus 7½) at San Diego

And the Tony Sparano countdown already is in full swing. **CHARGERS, 30-16**

Washington (pick-em) at St. Louis

The Redskins should be encouraged, not discouraged, by the close Monday night defeat at Dallas. **REDSKINS, 20-13**

Atlanta (minus 4½) at Seattle

Atlanta could lose touch with the top of the NFC South with a loss. Seahawks grabbed some much-needed confidence last week. **FALCONS, 24-17**

N.Y. Giants (minus 2) at Arizona

Eli looked like Peyton last week against Eagles. Cardinals aren't any more formidable on defense than Philly. **GIANTS, 27-22**

N.Y. Jets (plus 3½) at Baltimore

Jets are struggling on both lines, hardly a formula for handling Ravens. **RAVENS, 20-10**

Indianapolis (plus 10) at Tampa Bay

More of the Colts in prime time, maybe even with Curtis Painter behind center. **BUCCANEERS, 21-7**

San Francisco (no line) at Philadelphia

Uncertainty about Michael Vick and Vince Young voids any betting lines. **EAGLES, 17-13**

PIGSKIN PREDICTIONS

FOLLOW THE CHRONICLE'S "EXPERTS" ALL SEASON LONG AS THEY PICK THE BIGGEST FOOTBALL GAMES OF THE WEEK.							
							
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS	19-12	19-12	19-12	21-10	19-12	19-12	17-14
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ALABAMA AT FLORIDA	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	ALABAMA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA	FLORIDA
TEXAS A&M AT ARKANSAS	TEXAS A&M	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	TEXAS A&M	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS	ARKANSAS
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AUBURN AT SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	AUBURN
BAYLOR AT KANSAS STATE	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	BAYLOR	KANSAS ST.	KANSAS ST.
CLEMSON AT VIRGINIA TECH	VIRGINIA TECH	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	CLEMSON	VIRGINIA TECH
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UCLA AT STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	STANFORD	UCLA
OREGON ST. AT ARIZ. ST.	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE	ARIZONA STATE
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BUFFALO AT CINCINNATI	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	CINCINNATI
N.Y. GIANTS AT ARIZONA	N.Y. GIANTS	N.Y. GIANTS	N.Y. GIANTS	N.Y. GIANTS	N.Y. GIANTS	N.Y. GIANTS	ARIZONA
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Big Black? Huskers go mad in first Big Ten game

Associated Press

In case you were wondering, black.

Nebraska fans, usually decked out in red and easily spotted on the road, will don black Saturday when the Cornhuskers play their first Big Ten game at Wisconsin.

You see, the Badgers also wear red, and a very similar shade at that. And Nebraska's defense has been known as the Blackshirts since back in the Bob Devaney days, so there is a connection to Huskers history.

As for the Cornhuskers themselves, they traditionally wear white jerseys with red numbers on top of red pants on the road.

Helmets might cause a bit of confusion Saturday night at the Madhouse in Madison know as Camp Randall Stadium. Nebraska's white helmet, with one red stripe down the middle and that familiar block N on the side, could be mistaken — at least

at a quick glance, with a linebacker chasing you — for Wisconsin's white helmet with two red stripes down the middle and a chunky W on the side.

There have even been rumors making the rounds on the Internet that the Cornhuskers will wear black helmets. Hard to imagine Huskers athletic director and icon-in-chief Tom Osborne would let that happen, but who knows?

"We're pretty traditional," Osborne said this week. "Anything is possible, but if it happens it was something I'm not aware of."

It is a new era in Lincoln, one that has the potential to produce an interesting rivalry between the Huskers and Badgers.

Beyond the color schemes, the programs have an obvious link.

Former Wisconsin coach and now athletic director Barry Alvarez played linebacker at Nebraska in the 1960s.

He became the Badgers' coach in 1990 and transformed a Big Ten doormat into a perennial Rose Bowl contender, one with some Nebraska flavor.

Much like Nebraska, Wisconsin, because of its location, has often had limited access to five-star recruits. But the Badgers have found success in knowing exactly what they want to be and finding players that fit their systems.

At their best, Nebraska and Wisconsin have kept things relatively simple offensively, using rugged defenses, and more than enough speed and skill to compete at the highest levels.

The Huskers (Legends) and Badgers (Leaders) aren't in the same division and haven't been designated as protected crossover rivals, so they won't play every year.

But there's potential for them to meet in the conference title game, and with the current state of each pro-

gram, it wouldn't be at all surprising if Wisconsin and Nebraska see a lot of each other in the new Big Ten.

The picks:

THURSDAY

NO. 16 SOUTH FLORIDA (MINUS 2½) AT PITTSBURGH
Panthers haven't caught on to up-tempo, spread offense ... USF 21-14.

SATURDAY

KENTUCKY (PLUS 29½) AT NO. 1 LSU
From Gator Bait to Tiger Bait. LSU 45-10.

BALL STATE (PLUS 37½) AT NO. 2 OKLAHOMA
Sooners WR Ryan Broyles is second in nation with 11 catches per game ... OKLAHOMA 55-14.

NO. 3 ALABAMA (MINUS 4) AT NO. 12 FLORIDA
Gators Chris Rainey and Jeff Demps combine to average 7.5 yards per carry ... ALABAMA 27-24.

NEVADA (PLUS 27½) AT NO. 4 BOISE STATE
Pay back time for Broncos. BOISE STATE 48-17.

UCLA (PLUS 20½) AT NO. 6 STANFORD
Loss of LB Shayne Skov (knee) will hurt Cardinal — but not this week ... STANFORD 45-16.

NO. 8 NEBRASKA (PLUS 9½) AT NO. 7 WISCONSIN
That is one scary welcoming committee ... WISCONSIN 42-24.

AUBURN (PLUS 10) AT NO. 10 SOUTH CAROLINA
Stephen Garcia leads nation in head phone-toss inducing plays ... SOUTH CAROLINA 35-31.

NO. 13 CLEMSON (PLUS 7) AT NO. 11 VIRGINIA TECH
Third straight big game for Tigers, first on road ... VIRGINIA TECH 24-20.

NO. 14 TEXAS A&M (MINUS 3) VS. NO. 18 ARKANSAS
Hey, Aggies, you do realize this is the THIRD-BEST team in the SEC West? ... TEXAS A&M 28-21.

NO. 15 BAYLOR (MINUS 3½) AT KANSAS STATE
Robert Griffin III has yet to throw an interception ... KANSAS STATE 31-27.

NO. 17 TEXAS (MINUS 9) AT IOWA STATE
Cyclones beat Texas for first time last season ... TEXAS 28-14.

BEST BET MINNESOTA (PLUS 20) AT NO. 19 MICHIGAN

Little Brown Jug stays in Ann Arbor ... MICHIGAN 48-21.

SMU (PLUS 11½) AT NO. 20 TCU
Winner gets into the Big 12! Loser, Big East ... TCU 35-21.

NO. 21 GEORGIA TECH (MINUS 10) AT N.C. STATE
Yellow Jackets WR Stephen Hill averaging 33 yards on his 14 catches ... GEORGIA TECH 38-24.

BOWLING GREEN (PLUS 20) AT NO. 22 WEST VIRGINIA
Falcons lead nation in net punting at 45 yards per kick. WEST VIRGINIA 42-20.

UPSET SPECIAL NORTHWESTERN (PLUS 8) AT NO. 24 ILLINOIS
QB Dan Persa (Achilles) expected to return for Wildcats.

NORTHWESTERN 24-21. OREGON STATE (PLUS 18) AT NO. 25 ARIZONA STATE
Beavers have won three straight in series ... ARIZONA STATE 45-24.



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				GB	WCGB				
x-New York	97	64	.602	—	—	6-4	L-3	52-29	45-35
Boston	90	71	.559	7	—	3-7	W-1	45-36	45-35
Tampa Bay	90	71	.559	7	—	6-4	W-4	46-34	44-37
Toronto	81	81	.500	16½	9½	4-6	W-1	42-39	39-42
Baltimore	68	93	.422	29	22	6-4	L-1	38-42	30-51

	W	L	Pct	Central Division		L10	Str	Home	Away
				GB	WCGB				
x-Detroit	95	67	.586	—	—	7-3	W-4	50-31	45-36
Cleveland	80	82	.494	15	10½	4-6	L-4	44-37	36-45
Chicago	79	83	.488	16	11½	5-5	L-1	36-45	43-38
Kansas City	71	91	.438	24	19½	5-5	L-2	40-41	31-50
Minnesota	63	99	.389	32	27½	4-6	W-2	33-48	30-51

	W	L	Pct	West Division		L10	Str	Home	Away
				GB	WCGB				
x-Texas	96	66	.593	—	—	9-1	W-6	52-29	44-37
Los Angeles	86	76	.531	10	4½	3-7	L-4	45-36	41-40
Oakland	73	88	.453	22½	17	5-5	W-1	43-38	30-50
Seattle	67	94	.416	28½	23	4-6	L-1	39-44	28-50

NL

	W	L	Pct	East Division		L10	Str	Home	Away
				GB	WCGB				
x-Philadelphia	102	60	.630	—	—	4-6	W-4	52-29	50-31
Atlanta	89	73	.549	13	1	2-8	L-5	47-34	42-39
Washington	80	81	.497	21½	9½	8-2	W-1	44-36	36-45
New York	77	85	.475	25	13	5-5	W-1	34-47	43-38
Florida	72	90	.444	30	18	3-7	L-1	31-47	41-43

	W	L	Pct	Central Division		L10	Str	Home	Away
				GB	WCGB				
x-Milwaukee	96	66	.593	—	—	7-3	W-2	57-24	39-42
St. Louis	90	72	.556	6	—	7-3	W-2	45-36	45-36
Cincinnati	79	83	.488	17	11	5-5	L-1	42-39	37-44
Pittsburgh	72	90	.444	24	18	4-6	L-2	36-45	36-45
Chicago	71	91	.438	25	19	4-6	L-1	39-42	32-49
Houston	56	106	.346	40	34	4-6	L-2	31-50	25-56

	W	L	Pct	West Division		L10	Str	Home	Away
				GB	WCGB				
x-Arizona	94	67	.584	—	—	7-3	W-1	51-29	43-38
San Fran.	86	76	.531	8½	4	4-6	L-1	46-35	40-41
Los Angeles	81	79	.506	12½	8	7-3	L-1	42-39	39-40
Colorado	73	89	.451	21½	17	3-7	W-1	38-43	35-46
San Diego	71	91	.438	23½	19	6-4	W-1	35-46	36-45

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE STANDINGS DO NOT REFLECT THE BOSTON/BALTIMORE AND YANKEES/RAYS GAMES!**AMERICAN LEAGUE****AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Games**

Boston 8, Baltimore 7
Detroit 9, Cleveland 6
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Toronto 1
Texas 10, L.A. Angels 3
Oakland 7, Seattle 0

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 1
Minnesota 1, Kansas City 0
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE**Tuesday's Games**

Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 13 innings
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1
Florida 3, Washington 2
St. Louis 13, Houston 6
Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 4
Arizona 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 2
San Francisco 7, Colorado 0

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 0
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3
Washington 3, Florida 1
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3, 13 innings
St. Louis 8, Houston 0
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 9, Chicago Cubs 2
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
End of Regular Season

Rangers 3, Angels 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Napoli talked to his fly ball while it sailed down the left-field line at Angel Stadium, quietly coaxing it into the stands on the right side of the pole.

Napoli got the last word on his former club, and on a landmark regular season for his new teammates.

After posting the best record in franchise history, the Texas Rangers are roaring back into the postseason for another chance to win it all — and thanks to Napoli's pleas, they'll start the quest at home.

Napoli broke a tie in the ninth inning with his fourth homer in two games, and the Texas Rangers finally clinched home-field advantage in the AL division series with a 3-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

"It was a great feeling, but mostly because it keeps us home for the first series," Napoli said of the jubilant scene in the Rangers' dugout after the two-run shot — his fourth homer in the final 14 innings. "I was talking to it in my mind, 'Just stay fair!'"

Napoli, the longtime Angels catcher, also homered in the second inning for the Rangers, who swept the Angels to set a club record with their 96th victory — including six straight heading into the postseason.

With 14 wins in their final 16 games, the Rangers (96-66) held off Detroit (95-67) for the right to host the wild-card winner at Rangers Ballpark on Friday. Although Texas ascribes little significance to the win beyond travel convenience, Napoli is grateful he's not headed to Yankee Stadium on Thursday.

"I looked (at the scoreboard) every inning, I'm not going to lie," Napoli said. "But we went out and controlled what we could control."

Seven innings after Napoli homered over the ficus trees in deepest center field, he connected in the ninth off Angels rookie closer Jordan Walden (5-5), capping his career year with another huge game at the park he once called home.

"It felt like we won the World Series, but we actually just won an opportunity to go back to Texas," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We certainly didn't want the five-hour trip to New York."

Mike Adams (2-3) pitched the eighth, and Neftali Feliz picked up his 32nd save.

With 10 wins in their last 11 regular-season games, the Rangers broke the 1999 club's mark for victories, improving their record for the fourth straight season under Washington.

The Rangers collected their luggage in a loose pile in the center of their locker room at Angel Stadium before the game even though they still didn't know where they would spend the weekend.

Nationals 3, Marlins 1

MIAMI (AP) — While Stephen Strasburg is just getting started, the Florida Marlins' first home is history.

The Washington ace allowed one hit and struck out 10 in six scoreless innings Wednesday to earn his first win since July 2010, and the Marlins bid their much-maligned stadium goodbye with a 3-1 loss.

Next year the Marlins move into a new ballpark with new manager Ozzie Guillen, who held his introductory news conference before the game. The Nationals also have a brighter future thanks to Strasburg (1-1), who threw a gem in his fifth start since returning from elbow surgery.

The top pick in the 2009 draft gave up his first two walks this season but was dominant otherwise. He finished the season with 24 strikeouts in 24 innings and an ERA of 1.50.

Having the right-hander for a full season should make a big difference for the Nationals, who finished 80-81 — their sixth consecutive losing season. Florida wound up last in the NL East at 72-90.

Too much rain often meant too few fans at the Marlins' stadium, but on a sunny afternoon the atmosphere was far from funereal, and the lively crowd of 34,615 was in a sentimental mood. Outgoing 80-year-old manager Jack McKeon received a long standing ovation before the game, then headed into his latest retirement with a record of 1,051-990.

The crowd included about 20 former Marlins honored after the game. Among the old-timers were Charlie Hough, who threw the first pitch in franchise history in 1993 and returned to the same mound to throw out the final ceremonial first pitch.

Nationals catcher Ivan Rodriguez, a catcher on the Marlins' 2003 World Series championship team, received a big ovation the first time he batted in the second inning.

Tigers 5, Indians 4

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera and the Detroit Tigers are headed back to the same place they opened the season: Yankee Stadium.

Miguel Cabrera singled and doubled, all but wrapping up the American League batting title in Detroit's 5-4 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday night. But that wasn't enough to earn home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. Less than an hour after the AL Central-champion Tigers won, they found out they would have to begin the post-season in New York on Friday night.

"It's going to be fun," catcher Alex Avila said. "I don't think we really cared who we were playing. You know in the playoffs you're going to play good teams."

The Tigers could have hosted the wild card in the first round if AL West-champion Texas had lost to the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday. The Rangers won 3-1.

So now Detroit — which finished the season on a 30-9 tear — will take on the Yankees, who posted the best record in the American League. The Tigers opened the year by losing two of three at New York. They took three of four from the Yankees at home in early May.

Detroit is going to the post-season for the first time since 2006, when the Tigers beat New York in the first round en route to the World Series.

"They've got good players — that's the bottom line," Detroit right-hander Rick Porcello said. "If you make it anything more than that, then you're psyching yourself out. They're just like us. We're a good baseball team. They're a good baseball team."

Cabrera entered the day hitting .343, five points ahead of Michael Young of Texas and Adrian Gonzalez of Boston.

Fans were on their feet again for the final batter, Logan Morrison, who was called out on strikes. Drew Storen completed a three-hitter with a perfect ninth for his 43rd save in 48 chances.

The entire Marlins team and owner Jeffrey Loria congregated in the left-field corner before the sixth inning to tear the last number off the 2-year-old sign counting down the games remaining in the stadium. Florida played 1,504 games there and went 781-723.

It was also the franchise's finale as the Florida Marlins. In conjunction with the move to a new ballpark near downtown, the team officially becomes the Miami Marlins on Nov. 11.

The unusual 4:10 starting time appeared to make it difficult for hitters to see the ball in the early innings as shadows crept across home plate. Chris Volstad (5-13) allowed no hits in the first four innings. Strasburg gave up a single and two walks in the second, but a double play helped him escape.

The pace of the game made it clear players were heading into the off-season. In the fifth inning all five Nationals batters swung at the first pitch, including Ian Desmond, who hit a two-run single.

Florida scored in the seventh when Gaby Sanchez's fly dropped between center fielder Rick Ankiel and right fielder Jayson Werth for an RBI double.

The relative brevity of the finale was a big change for the Nationals, who ended the season with a 14-inning win in 2010 and a 15-inning victory in 2009.

On this occasion, there wasn't even any rain, and that won't be a concern for the Marlins in the future. Their new ballpark has a retractable roof.

NOTES: The Nationals finished 23-40 in the stadium. ... The Marlins drew 1.52 million fans at home to finish last in the NL in attendance for the seventh consecutive year.

Twins 1, Royals 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Carl Pavano has a World Series ring, plenty of pitching experience in October and even an All-Star game appearance.

The end of this mess of a season for the Minnesota Twins still mattered to the veteran right-hander, who wanted no part of 100 losses.

Trevor Plouffe's RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning gave Pavano and the Twins a 1-0 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday, helping Minnesota stave off that dubious 100th defeat.

"It was a crazy game. I'm sure you guys understand what we had hanging over our heads. No one wants to lose 100 games," Pavano said. "This year's definitely been a disappointment for all of us, team-wise, but you've got to battle."

Pavano (9-13) went the distance for the win, the first time he pitched nine scoreless innings since July 22, 2010. He gave up five hits and struck out three to help the Twins finish with two straight wins, their first consecutive victories since Aug. 31 and Sept. 2.

"You're only as good as your last game, right?" a smiling right fielder Michael Cuddyer said. "There you go."

Pavano even lobbied to take the mound for the 10th, as if he were Jack Morris pitching for the Twins in Game 7 of the 1991 World Series, but manager Ron Gardenhire told him Joe Nathan would be taking his place.

"He gave me the death stare," Gardenhire said.

Bruce Chen pitched eight shutout innings against the Twins for the second time this month, and the Royals turned to Blake Wood (5-3) for the ninth. Pinch-hitter Denard Span hit a one-out double, after Gardenhire told him to do just that. Span took third on a groundout and trotted home on Plouffe's sharp single to left.

Padres 9, Cubs 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Will Venable hit his first career grand slam and Nick Hundley hit a three-run shot to lift the normally punchless San Diego Padres to a 9-2, season-ending victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro became the youngest player — at 21 years, 188 days — to lead the NL with 207 hits. He doubled in the eighth to reach base in a career-high 40 straight games and extend his hitting streak to 10 games. He also hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth. The teams both finished 71-91.

The late power surge might not be enough to save hitting coach Randy Ready's job. Since moving into spacious Petco Park in 2004, the Padres have fired their hitting coach three times and would have dismissed Wally Joyner in 2008 if he hadn't resigned with six games left.

Despite the two homers, the Padres finished with a major league-low 91 homers. The Padres and Astros (95) were the only big league teams with fewer than 100.

Venable and Hundley tied Cameron Maybin for the team home run lead with nine.

Venable hit an opposite-field slam to left to chase Ryan Dempster in the sixth. Dempster retired the first two batters before loading the bases on singles by Andy Parrino and starter Wade LeBlanc, and a walk to Maybin.

Hundley homered into the second deck in left field to cap the four-run third. Dempster retired the first two batters before walking LeBlanc, who scored on Maybin's RBI double. Venable walked ahead of Hundley's homer.

LeBlanc (5-6) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked two.

Dempster (10-14) allowed nine runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings, struck out seven and

Brewers 7, Pirates 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Zack Grienke capped a perfect season at home to help the Milwaukee Brewers clinch home-field advantage in the first round of playoffs with a 7-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Wednesday night.

Carlos Gomez, Corey Hart and Jonathan Lucroy homered for the Brewers, who set a franchise record with 96 wins and open an NL division series at Miller Park beginning Saturday.

If the NL Central champions had tied with NL West winner Arizona in the standings, the Brewers would have started the playoffs on the road.

Ryan Braun's pursuit of Mets shortstop Jose Reyes for the NL batting title ended early. He went 0 for 4 to finish at .332. Reyes hit .337.

Greinke (16-6) allowed two runs in six innings to finish 11-0 in 15 starts at home, where the Brewers were a major league best 57-24.

General manager Doug Melvin's trades for the 2009 AL Cy Young winner along with Shaun Marcum in December have been two main reasons the Brewers clinched their first division title since winning the AL East in 1982.

Milwaukee (96-66) finished with one more win this season than in 1979 and '82, when the franchise made its only World Series appearance.

Lucroy and Hart hit solo homers in the third.

After Pittsburgh's Jason Jaramillo cut the lead in half with an RBI single in the fourth, Gomez answered in the bottom of the inning with a three-run shot with two outs off rookie starter Jeff Locke (0-3) that put Milwaukee ahead 5-1.

Nyjer Morgan waved his arms frantically in jest to cool down Gomez in the dugout with Prince Fielder and Rickie Weeks chuckling at their teammate's big moment.

Jerry Hairston added an RBI single in the fifth and Hart had a sacrifice fly in the sixth for Milwaukee.

Rockies 6, Giants 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Kevin Kouzmanoff had three hits and drove in two runs and the Colorado Rockies sent the reigning World Series champions into an early offseason, beating the San Francisco Giants 6-3 Wednesday.

Drew Pomeranz (2-1) out-pitched fellow rookie Eric Surkamp (2-2) in their second matchup in two weeks and Jordan Pacheco added a pair of RBI singles for the Rockies, who snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Giants. San Francisco (86-76) wound up in second place in the NL West behind playoff-bound Arizona, becoming the first defending champion not to make the playoffs since the 2007 St. Louis Cardinals.

Mark DeRosa hit a two-run single in what was likely his last game for the Giants.

That didn't keep the sellout crowd of 41,873 from taking every last chance to cheer the 2010 champs. The players returned to the field several minutes after the final out to show their appreciation.

Departing Giants managing partner Bill Neukom received a rousing standing ovation and a "THANK YOU BILL" tribute on the center-field scoreboard before the seventh inning. Newly promoted CEO Larry Baer likely will begin discussions soon with general manager Brian Sabean about a contract extension.

Pat Burrell, contemplating retirement if his troublesome right foot doesn't fully heal, ran in from left field to a standing ovation before the start of the seventh. An emotional Burrell hugged and high-fived his teammates and came back out of the dugout for a curtain call, waving to the fans.

This was a drastic difference for San Francisco on the final day a year after the club clinched the NL West and the franchise's first playoff berth since 2003 by beating the rival San Diego Padres.

Mets 3, Reds 0

NEW YORK — Jose Reyes heard the boos when he was lifted for a pinch runner. Mets fans wanted to see more.

At least another at-bat or two. At least another season or two.

It was an afternoon of mixed emotions for the effervescent shortstop in what could have been his last game in a New York Mets uniform, a 3-0 win over Cincinnati on Wednesday.

After a bunt single in the first inning, Reyes was finished. The strategy paid off: Reyes won the National League batting title late Wednesday when Milwaukee's Ryan Braun went 0 for 4.

"It was kind of tough," Reyes said. "I want to stay in the game. They have to understand, too, what's going on. They have to feel happy about it if I win the battling title."

The hit elevated Reyes' average to .337057 and gave him a 2½-point lead over Braun. The Brewers star needed to go 3 for 4 to overtake Reyes, but went hitless in four at-bats against Pittsburgh and dropped to .332.

And that gave the Mets their first batting champion.

The dynamic All-Star with a broad grin and bouncy dreadlocks bunted Edinson Volquez's second pitch down the third base line, and a charging Juan Francisco couldn't pick up the ball.

Fans booed again when Reyes' replacement at shortstop was introduced by the public address announcer, and on the SNY telecast former Mets star Keith Hernandez called the move "disappointing."

Preparing for his game in Milwaukee, Braun didn't fault Reyes for leaving after just one at-bat.

"I'm not going to judge him," Braun said. "I respect whatever decision he decided to make and ultimately, he left the door open for me. It's not impossible. I've gotten three hits in a game plenty of times. So, it's still attainable, it's still a possibility."

Cardinals 8, Astros 0

HOUSTON — Chris Carpenter came through like an ace and the St. Louis Cardinals earned at least a tie for the NL wild card, beating the Houston Astros 8-0 on Wednesday night.

The Cardinals and Atlanta began the day even in the wild card race. When St. Louis finished, the Braves were tied with Philadelphia in extra innings.

If the Cardinals and Braves wind up even, they would play a one-game tiebreaker in St. Louis on Thursday night.

Carpenter (11-9) struck out 11 and allowed two hits in his 15th career complete-game shutout as St. Louis kept up its improbable September charge. The Cardinals won for the 23rd time in 31 games, having trailed Atlanta by 10½ games on Aug. 25.

"We had nothing to lose. We were already out of it," Carpenter said. "People

Football Spreads

NCAA Football		
Tonight		
FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG		
South Florida Pk	2½	(51½) at Pittsburgh
Houston	17½	16 (65) at UTEP
Tomorrow		
at BYU	12½	7½ (51) Utah St.
Saturday		
at Navy	2½	3 (54) Air Force
at Illinois	7½	8 (50) Northwestern
at Michigan	20	20 (53) Minnesota
Wake Forest	1	2½ (49) at B. College
at Syracuse	1	1½ (50) Rutgers
at Temple	6	7½ (50) Toledo
at West Virginia	17	20 (61) Bowling Green
at Virginia	17	16½ (53) Idaho
at Tennessee	28	28 (53) Buffalo
at Army	6	8 (54½) Tulane
Penn St.	18	16½ (47) at Indiana
Georgia Tech	10	9½ (63) at NC State
at UConn	3	2½ (44½) W. Michigan
at E. Michigan	9½	8½ (47½) Akron
Cincinnati	13	14½ (56) at Miami (Ohio)
at Ohio	13½	16½ (47) Kent St.
Texas Tech	9½	6½ (67½) at Kansas
at Boise St.	28	27½ (62½) Nevada
at Colorado	3	3 (59) Washington St.
N. Illinois	10	9 (59½) at C. Michigan
at Stanford	21	20½ (54½) UCLA
Texas	9	9½ (48) at Iowa St.
at Ohio St.	2½	3 (44) Michigan St.
Alabama	5	4 (44½) at Florida
at Louisville	10½	11½ (46½) Marshall
Texas A&M-x	3½	3 (62) Arkansas
at Southern Cal	12½	13½ (57) Arizona
at Utah	7½	7½ (57) Washington
at Colorado St.	3½	3 (44) San Jose St.
at Arizona St.	17	18 (51½) Oregon St.
Baylor	3½	3½ (63½) at Kansas St.
at Oklahoma	38	37½ (60½) Ball St.
at Louisiana Tech	4	3½ (58½) Hawaii
at Georgia	7½	7 (53) Mississippi St.
at South Carolina	11½	10 (59½) Auburn
at Southern Miss.	14	15½ (58) Rice
at Virginia Tech	7½	7 (49½) Clemson
New Mexico St.	1½	2½ (52½) at N. Mexico
North Carolina	6	6½ (59) at E. Carolina
at Wisconsin	8	9½ (56½) Nebraska
at LSU	28	30 (45) Kentucky
Notre Dame	13	12 (48) at Purdue
at Fresno St.	4	3½ (53) Mississippi
Arkansas St.	10½	13 (52) at W. Kentucky
at FIU	3	3½ (56) Duke
at Troy	15	16½ (59½) UAB
at La.-Lafayette	9	9½ (49) FAU
at Middle Tenn.	21	22½ (54½) Memphis
at Tulsa	21½	23 (59) North Texas
at TCU	11½	13 (56½) SMU

x-at Arlington, Texas

For the record

Florida LOTTERY

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



CASH 3 (early)
8 - 9 - 7

CASH 3 (late)
4 - 4 - 5

PLAY 4 (early)
6 - 9 - 1 - 8

PLAY 4 (late)
7 - 9 - 7 - 9

FANTASY 5
11 - 12 - 29 - 34 - 36

LOTTO
8 - 10 - 15 - 34 - 39 - 45

POWERBALL
30 - 41 - 50 - 51 - 53

POWER BALL
8

EXTRA
2

EXTRA
4

On the AIRWAVES

TODAY'S SPORTS

FOOTBALL

8 p.m. (ESPN) South Florida at Pittsburgh

GOLF

8:30 a.m. (GOLF) European Alfred Dunhill Links

4 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Justin Timberlake Shriners

HOCKEY

7 p.m. (VERSUS) New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers

SOCCER

8 p.m. (ESPN2) D.C. United at Philadelphia Union

8 p.m. (FSNFL) Virginia at Duke

Prep CALENDAR

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

BOYS GOLF

3:30 p.m. Nature Coast at Seven Rivers

4 p.m. South Sumter at Citrus (Inverness Golf & CC)

3:30 p.m. Lecanto at Central (The Dunes)

SWIMMING

5:30 p.m. Weeki Wachi at Lecanto (Terra Vista)

6 p.m. Springstead at Citrus

5:30 Central at Crystal River

VOLLEYBALL

7:30 p.m. Citrus at West Port

7 p.m. Seven Rivers at Meadowbrook

NBA

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mainder of exhibition play as warranted, and those could come shortly.

The league denied an ESPN.com report that Stern planned to threaten players with cancellation of the entire 2011-12 season if there wasn't progress toward a deal by the end of the weekend.

"It's simply not true," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said.

Fisher said some of the league's biggest names could join the executive committee in Friday's meeting, and Miami guard Dwyane Wade has committed to attend.

Wade was part of a meeting about labor issues at the 2010 All-Star weekend in Dallas, when players were briefed about owners' plans for dramatic changes to the league's salary structure. Owners have been looking to reduce the players' guarantee of basketball-related income from 57 percent to somewhere in the mid-40s.

"I look forward to learning something that I didn't learn two years ago," Wade

told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Hopefully, it's different information, something that will move us forward. Hopefully we don't walk out of the meeting back at where we were at the All-Star game two years ago."

Wade has been in New York for the past couple days for business meetings. When the invitation came to attend Friday's session, he did not hesitate.

"I've talked to a couple guys," Wade said. "I'm here. ... I was going to leave tomorrow, but I'm going to stay in town and go to the next meeting."

Fisher will brief the players first on the state of the talks.

"I can't say that common ground is evident, but our desire to try to get there I think is there," Fisher said. "We still have a great deal of issues to work through, so there won't be any magic that will happen this weekend to just make those things go away, but we have to put the time in."

The sides met for about four hours Wednesday, again in small groups.

The full groups have met only once since the lockout

began July 1, and it resulted in a setback. Players were prepared to make what union executive director Billy Hunter called a "significant" financial concession, but owners rejected their call to leave the current salary cap structure intact as a condition of the move.

Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said it was time to go back to the larger groups again because "whatever decisions we are now going to be making would be so monumental given the point of the calendar that we're at."

Stern wouldn't comment on reports that owners had softened their insistence on a hard salary cap in favor of adding more restrictions to the current cap system that allows teams to exceed it through use of certain exceptions. Nor would he say if the season could still start on Nov. 1 without any pre-season play.

"I shouldn't deal with hypotheticals here," he said. "I'm focused on let's get the two committees in and see whether they can either have a season or not have a season, and that's what's at risk this weekend."

Bledsoe, Shields, Cowher among candidates

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Retired coaches Bill Cowher, Bill Parcells and Marty Schottenheimer are among the modern-era candidates for the 2012 class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Cowher is eligible for the first time, as are players Keyshawn Johnson, Tiki Barber, Drew Bledsoe, Stephen Davis, Rod Smith, Will Shields, Troy Vincent and Mike Vanderjagt.

Parcells and Schottenheimer previously were eli-

gible under different requirements.

In 2008, the Hall of Fame made it mandatory for coaches, like players, to be retired five consecutive seasons. Before that, coaches were eligible immediately upon retirement, allowing Parcells to be a nominee in 2001, 2002, and 2003, and Schottenheimer in 2000. This is their first year of eligibility under the new provision.

Altogether, 103 men are eligible; voting will take place in February the day

before the Super Bowl in Indianapolis. From the original list of nominees, the selection committee will choose 25 semifinalists in November. That group of semifinalists will be further reduced by a mail ballot to 15 modern-era finalists and announced in early January.

The final list of candidates also will include two senior nominees: former Pittsburgh Steelers defensive back Jack Butler and former Detroit Lions guard Dick Stanfel.

Lady 'Canes earn first win

JOE KORNECKI
Chronicle correspondent

You could not ask for a better day to play golf. The weather was in the upper 80's and very low humidity. And the Citrus Lady Hurricanes golf team of took advantage of these conditions and played a solid match.

Although there were no eagles or birdies, the ladies of Citrus High were hitting on all cylinders as a total team en route to a 234-277 win over the Central Bears. "The girls lost a match

Tuesday afternoon to Lecanto but came back today and played well, making wise decisions and got their first win of the year," according to Dave Hamilton, Citrus' girl golf coach. "With this boost now they are working toward the districts. Some of the girls stepped up today and gave me a lot of encouragement.

"The greens were very fast today and most of our team had trouble putting," Victoria "Tiny" Pheiffer said.

Several of the young ladies on both teams stated

that fast greens gave them issues that threw off their balance and affected their overall game. "Tiny" along with Kaitlin Johnston and Nayoni DeJesus were the core group that formed the nucleus to bring this victory home. "The team is very young and they are building and will be a force to reckon with in the future," Hamilton said.

The Hurricanes next match will be Monday against Lecanto at Citrus Hills and will be a county match play.

Lecanto boys win on links

JOE KORNECKI
Chronicle correspondent

HOMOSASSA — The Panthers boys' golf team rebounded from a tough loss to their county foe Crystal River on Tuesday by defeating the Springstead Eagles 161-181 on Wednesday afternoon, among the beautiful sand pines and oaks at Southern Woods Golf and Country Club. The Panthers were originally slated to play on the front nine holes but had to play on the back nine holes because of a scheduling issue.

The Panthers (8-2) low medalist honors went to

Drew Cooke who shot a 38 on the par-36 back nine. Austin Groff had a 39, followed by Mark Giardino and Skylar Summers with a pair of 42s to round out Lecanto's scoring.

The Eagles (6-4) low went to Anthony Fiocca who finished with a 41, followed by Ryan Nicoll(42) Ryan O'Connell and Brendan Phent with a pair of 49s to round out Springstead's scoring.

For Cooke, he had two birdies on holes 12 and 18, and made par on 13, 15 and 17. After the match, Cook said, "(I) didn't hit the ball very well, but managed to make a couple birdies after

a slow start on tough holes."

Austin Groff, who finished second for the Panthers, made a birdie on the par-3 17th hole, which included a tough water hazard. He made par on four other holes in the match. Groff was pleased with the way he hit the ball and how solid he played except for a triple-bogey on 15.

"I was hoping to play our average of 56, but the back nine was tougher than what we were used to, and we have to play that same back nine for the county championships," Citrus head coach Dave Soluri said.

DEWEES

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"We are trying to get everybody faster," DeWees said. "It's tougher this year with a young squad."

DeWees loves competition. "I just like to push myself to limits to keep going faster," he said. "I love to race. I am very competitive.

"It would be really cool to get a college scholarship.

"Most of the team is new. We have a lot of freshman and sophomores on the team. We want to get everybody some experience. To qualify for districts and regionals will be really cool."

Byrne coached a Lecanto High team to a state title in the 90s and DeWees appreciates his coach.

"Tim Byrne is a really

good coach," he said. "He loves to have kids come out and run."

DeWees longs for a run at the state meet in November.

"The whole team qualified during my freshman year," he said. "I missed it by a couple of spots. My goal is to get to state."

If Crystal River High's boys could qualify as a team, that would be just fine with DeWees.

MEAGAN

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Dade City.

Ever the competitor, McMichen wants to get to the state meet.

"I think we are going to do good," she said of her harrier team. "I think we will do better than last year."

She devoted herself to softball last summer. Unfortunately, she didn't run as

much as a cross country runner needs to be a top runner.

Still, she is one of the top runners on the Pirates team.

She also has some comic ability.

Crystal River High coach Lisa Carter refers to her as "my softball clown."

"She is a pleasure to have on the team," said Carter. "She may have had a not so good day today. Maegan still had a good run. She still had

a good time.

"She did softball and that hurts at the beginning of the season. We are hoping to get her back in shape. She's still a good runner.

"She usually stays consistent for me. Maegan has run three years for me."

Hopefully, by the end of the season, she may understand why she is running.

And maybe, just maybe, she may have her choice of a cross country or softball college scholarship.

PIRATES

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we struggled a little bit with their serve," Ridley said. "I was real pleased with their blocking. They really came alive."

Finally, Crystal River had one more chance to tie Na-

ture Coast and go into a tie-breaker, but ended up playing their most disappointing game of the night. Although they rallied twice, most notably a 5-point serving run from Laga that had forced the Sharks to hit out of bounds four times in a row, the rattled Pirates couldn't recover.

Ridley said fatigue and

distraction could partially attribute to the Pirates' loss, as Wednesday was the team's third day in a row playing a match that went to four games. Crystal River celebrates Homecoming this weekend, so the Lady Pirates will have four days off before playing Dunnellon on Monday.

REID

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coach Jimbo Fisher said Reid will play in the Seminoles' next game on Oct. 8 at Wake Forest.

"I'm very relieved," said Fisher, who had not previously commented on the arrest. "Like I said, you never make a statement until you find out all the facts."

Reid, 21, had been charged with lying to protect a friend from his hometown of Valdosta, Ga. Police stopped Rontel Frazier while he was driving Reid's motor scooter because it

didn't have a license plate. Frazier also didn't have a driver's license, and he escaped from the officers before they could identify him.

Officers later contacted Reid and he met them at the scene.

"While it was clear that several acquaintances of Reid had access to his scooter, Reid was less than forthcoming as to who was operating his scooter that night," Meggs said. "In other words, he didn't want to dime out his friend."

Citizens aren't required to answer police questions, but if they do so they "must provide truthful and complete answers," Meggs said. He said Reid's responses

fell short of that requirement, so police had probable cause to arrest him.

Any information Reid could have provided at that point, though, would have been superfluous, Meggs acknowledged.

"The truth of the matter is the officers had basically figured out who it was," he said.

Meggs said that since the driver had been identified and was being sought "the state is electing not to pursue these charges."

Jansen said he next will try to get the arrest expunged from Reid's record although the damage to his reputation may already be done.

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GET IN THE GAME

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Scallop racks are relics that paid off

A query from a reader ended up sending me searching in my archives for some research, and I think it paid off for him. On theory others might have a question about the same thing, I thought I'd share it with you.

It started with an email asking if I could identify a structure the reader had come across "west of Marker One" on the Crystal River. I had a few ideas, and after an exchange of notes to glean a little more information and a more precise location, I determined what he had seen was the old scallop racks (which are actually southwest of the marker).

That almost inevitably led to: "Thanks. What are the scallop racks for?" I knew I had done a piece on the racks a few years back, and after giving up on the "search" feature of Word, used the Windows search from the start menu and came up with a column from August of 2008 which I had done for *Florida Fishing News*. That, in turn, led me to the notes I made while researching the column, saving me from having to re-invent the wheel and start from scratch.

Some who are native to the Nature Coast have told me scallops were no big deal when they were growing up, because there were so few. In fact, a couple said few people bothered harvesting them because the scallops were so scattered it took most of a day to get enough for a meal. Harvesting was stopped until 2002 when, after a seven-year closure, this area was reopened to scallop harvesting, as the population was healthy once again. The recovery was no doubt due largely to a restoration project undertaken jointly

by scallop researchers at the University of South Florida, Florida Sea Grant, and the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

In order to understand how, and more importantly why the project was successful, a brief overview of scallop reproduction is needed. I know some of you have read this here before, but be patient while I go through the highlights for those who have not.

Bay scallops live in small, local "micropopulations," which collectively make up the statewide macropopulation. These local populations are separated from each other, usually by bottom terrain. Put another way, large sandy areas that separate sea grass beds that scallops prefer will isolate micropopulations from each other. Since scallops are what are known as "broadcast spawners," scattering their eggs and sperm into ambient waters, and since the hatched eggs, known as "spat," spend a relatively short period of time in the water column, it's likely micropopulations in decline won't get much help from neighboring declining micropopulations. Salinity of less than 20 parts per thousand (as might be found, for example, at the mouth of a river, especially after heavy rains) can also separate micropopulations.

The restoration project involved raising scallops to maturity, then "planting" them in selected locations in the hope their spawn would eventually replenish an exhausted area. One of the sites selected for this "farming," so to speak, was west of Ozello — what we know locally as simply the "scallop racks." At the racks, the scallops were

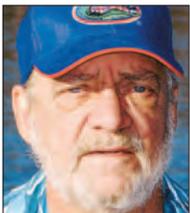
contained in cages to prevent predation, but what made the Ozello racks unique is they could be opened for periodic inspection.

To simplify, the Ozello racks were intended to repopulate the area around the mouth of the Homosassa area. It worked. In 2006 and 2007, reports of scallops harvested south of Gomez Rocks were minimal. Although some scallop hunters did venture south of the rocks, the small harvest was not worth avoiding the crowds north of that area. Not so in 2008, when many boats working the area between Gomez Rocks and the Homosassa and Little Homosassa Rivers reported limit catches for the first time in memory.

The area was still a long way from being the "hot spot" for scallops on the Nature Coast, but it was obvious that micropopulations that were in serious trouble for many years had rebounded almost completely. Judging from reports from the 2011 season, recovery can be considered complete — so complete that the population is considered stabilized, the Ozello racks have been abandoned, and FWC is concentrating restoration efforts in other areas of the Gulf.

Redfish are around and cooperating if you know where to look, and Captain William Toney says to look around the Spoil Banks and the west-facing side of the keys around the Chasahowitzka Preserve.

Trout have been plentiful and biting on days when there's enough breeze to move your boat along in a good drift. Best reports come from Trout Key near Mangrove Point and the pole line defining the preserve. Pink holographic shrimp under a popping cork have been bringing limits to the boat. Tight Lines to you.



R.G. Schmidt
TIGHT LINES

A time for family bonding

My mother and father have given me a lot of things over the years — some will stay with me forever, while others have passed like the outgoing tide. A belief in God, a loving, nurturing home and a great respect for the outdoors and all things in it are a few that top the list.

Unfortunately, some children in this world don't experience even a fraction of the things that I was so lucky to experience as a youngster. And there are groups out there that want to keep any and all children away from outdoor activities.

The way I grew up is no different from how many people grew up. From an early age, I spent countless hours in the woods and around the water learning to respect and protect our wild places. Some of those days in the woods are gone from my mind's eye, but others will stick like glue.

One of my earliest memories is from a dove hunt on the farm where my father grew up in Burke County, N.C. From early on, I remember the family making an annual trip that coincided with the opening day of dove season. Dove hunting is a bit different from other forms of hunting; it's more of a social interaction. And while staying in place quietly helps, there is no need to sit like a statue, as in deer hunting, so it makes for a good introduction for kids to the hunting world.

Even though I was quite young, I vividly recall one brutally hot afternoon in the Carolina mountains. What is most seared into my memory was being able to spend the day with my older brother, Mark. He is my only brother, my big brother. And today, at almost 45 years old, I still feel like I'm 8 or 9 when I'm around him. In my mind, I will always be that little boy looking up at my big brother in that corn field.

That afternoon, I was too young to handle a gun, but that didn't matter to me. I was content just being one of the guys. I might have been only 6 or 7 years old, but I can still remember the fellowship and camaraderie displayed by all the older men. I could see that hunting had a greater purpose than just shooting birds. It was a social gathering, and something that was clearly enjoyed by all.

I have a feeling it was there, sitting on the edge of a cut-corn field between two mountains, that the seed was planted in me as an outdoorsman.

Growing up in northern Virginia, I can remember many cold fall mornings driving to a piece of property my folks owned in Stafford, Va., to go deer hunting.

The morning always began hours before daylight, with expectations of what the day might bring. Most

times it was hard to sleep the night before because of those high expectations.

I can feel the frost-covered leaves crunching under my boots and can see my breathing slowly disappear into thin air while getting my gear together. Whatever drowsiness that may have crept into my head on the car ride was shaken off by the icy air as soon as it touched my face.

We weren't blessed with the best deer hunting in the world, but that didn't really matter. As a matter of fact, I was late into my teens before I even saw a deer while carrying a gun in the woods. Hunting wasn't then, nor is it today, all about killing. But I will admit, that certainly is part of it.

If I close my eyes, I can see those vibrant, orange sunrises splintering through the leafless trees warming my face. In some ways it feels like it was yesterday, and in other ways it seems so distant.

Sitting at my desk in Crystal River, I can still hear the distant drone of traffic down on I-95. At 10 or 12 years of age, that unnatural noise while in the woods always gave me an odd sense of security.

Being that young, my sense of direction wasn't the best. In the evenings, once the last bit of light faded over the horizon, my next concern turned to getting back to the car. If I felt a bit uncertain of my whereabouts in the dark woods, those commuters heading south out of D.C. would unknowingly give me a point of reference to follow back to my Dad's car. I was safe there.

Fishing is no different from hunting. Many would argue the two are vastly different, but they have many parallels.

Pop and I spent countless summertime hours up to our waists in the Shenandoah and Rappahannock rivers, fishing for smallmouth bass. At 12 years old, it wasn't about catching a limit of bass. To me, it was about the towering mountains, the cool water flowing around my legs and the sounds of the locusts chattering in the trees. Catching grasshoppers or worms along the river's edge to be used for bait also made for a diversion that was special. I remember my father catching a huge smallmouth bass on a grasshopper I caught for him. That made me feel almost as good as I would have had I caught the fish myself — almost.

And, just to be clear, we went fishing to catch fish for the table, but at the end of the day, it wasn't really about the catch. It was about being with nature. It was about being with my father. Even as a kid, I understood that. Thanks, Pop.

I have a good friend named Robert Montgomery. He's a senior writer with BASS Publications, but he

also has a website called ActivistAngler.com. I look over it often.

Last week, something on his site caught my eye.

The exploits of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) are not new to those of us who utilize the outdoors. Hunters have long been targeted by the group. But in recent years, those who catch fish, even those who practice catch and release, have clearly been in their sights.

Early last week, the group launched an anti-fishing campaign in Seattle, Wash. "Don't Let Your Kids Become Hookers," is the group's latest campaign to cast a negative light on sport fishing.

According to its website, PETA says that "parents who fish send their children the dangerous message that it's acceptable to torment and kill animals."

I don't think my father was sending me some dark message on those days fishing on the river. Thinking back on it, the message I got was, "Son, I love you and I want to share something special with you." I'm just guessing, but I'm pretty sure that's what he was wanting to convey.

PETA began protesting last Tuesday along the Seattle waterfront as a precursor to last weekend's "National Fish Amnesty Day." The group says Seattle was chosen because it's one of the top 11 urban-fishing cities in North America.

PETA campaigner Hayden Hamilton said, "causing these gentle animals of the sea to suffocate to death or die slowly from infections caused by hooks is animal abuse, plain and simple."

I guess that's a matter of opinion. And it's an opinion with which I happen to strongly disagree.

My 2-year-old son, Jackson, is still a bit young for long days on the lake or in the woods. But the day is coming when the two of us will spend that priceless time sharing my boat or sitting side by side in a field on opening day, just like I did with my father. Guess what the message will be?

My teenage daughter, Jenna, and I have spent time in the boat together, and while she may not be the biggest fan of bass fishing, we've had some special times together there.

I know for a fact she vividly remembers catching her very first bass — all by herself. We were on Lake Henderson and I can still hear her screams of excitement as she wrestled a 4-pound bass to the boat. I think most of Inverness could hear those screams that evening. No subversive message — just some bonding time between father and daughter.

That's a memory I know neither of us will forget.

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Outdoor BRIEFS

Flotilla invites new members

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In addition to offering safe boating classes, providing safety patrols and radio communica-

tion on the Crystal River and the Gulf, Flotilla 15-01 members participate in numerous festivals, boat shows, parades — both on the street and in the water. Members work hand in hand with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as the other flotillas in the area.

Call Vince Maida at (917) 597-6961.

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— From staff reports

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Elton John starts 3-year Las Vegas run at Caesars Palace



Associated Press

Sir Elton John attends Tony Bennett's 85th birthday gala in New York. Elton John is returning to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Elton John is returning to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

The five-time Grammy winner was set to perform Wednesday night for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October; the first performances of a new show titled "The Million Dollar Piano."

The remainder of the shows during the three-year run has not yet been announced. John says it's named for the instrument he'll play during the show — a piano that took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build.

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," John said of the instrument earlier this year as the show was announced. "This isn't like the old days," John said of the new show.

"It's going to be certainly different from anything you've seen from me before, as was 'The Red Piano,'" his previous show at Caesars.

His return comes more than two years after that five-year stint that ended in 2009. The run was originally planned for three years but was extended because of demand. "The Red Piano" included risqué imagery — with high-tech videos and large, inflatable props — plus the hits John has become known for during a career that's spanned more than 40 years.

Jason Gastwirth, senior vice president of entertainment for casino owner Caesars Entertainment Corp., believes John's run could be extended again.

"I think it's very possible, both on duration and number of shows," Gastwirth said. "There's been such a large appetite by his fans to come see the show."

John is one of music's most decorated stars, known for songs including "Candle in the Wind," "Rocket Man" and "Benie and the Jets."

He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999 and honored by the Kennedy Center in 2004 for his lifetime contributions to performing arts.

Bluegrass century



Associated Press

Legendary bluegrass musician Earl Scruggs, left, shakes hands Tuesday with James Monroe, the son of the "father of bluegrass music," the late Bill Monroe, backstage during the Bill Monroe Centennial Celebration at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro, Ky. At right is Scruggs' longtime road manager, Hugh Howell.

Music world celebrating Bill Monroe centennial this week

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ricky Skaggs can imagine the look his old friend Bill Monroe might have had on his face if he were alive today to see the bluegrass world celebrate his legacy.

"He would get out of the car and have that back straight as an arrow, and he'd have that hat on, and he'd be pulling it off and thanking people," Skaggs said.

"He'd really be happy about people celebrating his life."

As members of the International Bluegrass Music Association gather for their annual awards and conference in Nashville this week, Monroe and the message of his music are foremost on their minds.

Monroe, the architect of bluegrass and a patron saint of country music, would have turned 100 on Sept. 13.

He died in 1996 at the age of 84. Monroe is being honored with concerts in his memory and historical discussions this week, and he'll play a prominent role during the Bluegrass Awards on Thursday as well.

He left behind a legacy that's more vital and thriving than ever and a diaspora of former players and acolytes who continue to spread his music today.

Bluegrass, developed from roots deep in the soil of his native Kentucky, has spread around the world. It's evolved with each generation that's passed since that mythic "birth of bluegrass" concert in December 1945 at The Ryman Auditorium that featured the debut of pioneering banjo player Earl Scruggs and guitarist Lester Flatt.

"Every country that I've ever been in in my whole life, I've always run into somebody who's either talked to me about bluegrass or there was a bluegrass band there, whether it was Russia, Thailand, wherever I've been," Skaggs said.

"It's a huge music that's crossed lines."

Monroe will be a featured presence at The Ryman on Thursday night when lead nominees The Boxcars, Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out, The Gibson Brothers and Alison Krauss & Union Station featur-

ing Jerry Douglas join most of the genre's biggest names for the annual IBMA Bluegrass Awards.

He's always been revered in Nashville, but the centennial gives those who knew him a welcome chance to talk about their memories and tell stories about a man who was larger than life.

"I think it's a great time because we still have so many originators of styles such as Ralph Stanley, Earl Scruggs is still around, Doc Watson we still have, and we've got all these great young new bands," said Sam Bush, who will host the awards show.

"Some of them play what you call Nu Grass and some of them take great pride in following the tradition of Bill Monroe. So I think he'd be pretty proud of the entire scene that's going on here."

Bush said he'll focus his remarks on something he once heard Monroe say after listening to a player mimic his sound flawlessly: "Bill looked at him and said, 'Now that's real good. What can you play on your own?'"

Fleetwood celebrates musical legacy, new eatery

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

— Long before the success of Fleetwood Mac, when band founder Mick Fleetwood was a kid in the U.K.

learning how to play the drums, he dreamed of having his own restaurant. His parents entrusted the then 9-year-old with the stable of the old farmhouse they lived in, and young Fleetwood turned it into something of a children's speakeasy that he called Club Keller. Instead of booze, he poured Coca-Cola.

"I used to serve up Smith's crisps and fish and chips and stuff for other children to come round," the bearded rocker recalled during a recent interview, his eyes twinkling at the memory. "I had my radiogram and my drums in there and it was my world."

Now, five and a half decades later, Fleetwood is

creating a new world for himself and his music: He's opening a restaurant in his adopted hometown of Laina on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

Fleetwood's on Front St. is set to open early next year, and its namesake sees it as the next professional chapter in his life: A place where he can indulge his taste for fine food and drink (including his own Mick Fleetwood Private Cellar wines), perform with his friends and run the whole show.

He plans to showcase local musicians and artists and invite the occasional famous rock star. The new establishment is essentially a large-scale, souped-up version of his old Club Keller.

"I've always wanted to do this," Fleetwood said on a visit to his manager's office in Beverly Hills.

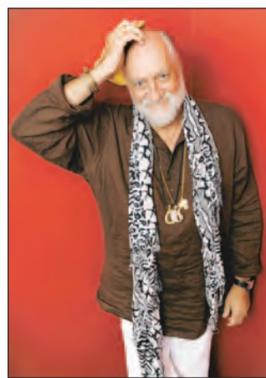
"I'm like one of those weird Chinese creatures

where you see something 30 years ahead. It's petrifying and exciting and fulfilling, because ... if you keep focused, and it's a corny thing, but if you visualize and visualize, a lot of stuff really does come to you."

Club Keller itself may actually be resurrected, said Fleetwood's business partner, Jonathan Todd. "We have an option on a smaller place downstairs and, if we get it, I swear we're going to call it Club Keller," Todd said.

Developing the restaurant is dominating Fleetwood's time. He helped choose the site (a historic building dating back to 1916 — the year his mother was born), select the décor and create the menu, but he insists "it's not a shrine to Mick Fleetwood."

"You'll know that it's my place but it will be very tastefully done," the 64-



Associated Press

Musician Mick Fleetwood poses recently for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif. Fleetwood says Fleetwood Mac will tour next year, but he's even more excited about his latest venture — opening a namesake restaurant on the island of Maui.

year-old said. "It's not a museum for Mick Fleetwood. This is a real working restaurant."

Florida LOTTERIES

SO YOU KNOW

■ Last night's winning numbers, Page B4.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

Mega Money: 8-9-24-32

Mega Ball: 5

4-of-4 MB No winner

4-of-4 9 \$764.50

3-of-4 MB 42 \$359

3-of-4 1,067 \$42

2-of-4 MB 1,387 \$22.50

1-of-4 MB 11,127 \$2.50

2-of-4 31,368 \$2

Fantasy 5: 10-12-14-18-36

5-of-5 2 winners \$100,741.16

4-of-5 335 \$97

3-of-5 8,941 \$10

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Fantasy 5: 9-11-12-24-26

5-of-5 3 winners \$64,279.63

4-of-5 400 \$77.50

3-of-5 10,808 \$8

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5-of-5 2 winners \$86,330.35

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Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 2011. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Sept. 29, 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

On this date:

In 1907, the foundation stone was laid for the Washington National Cathedral, which wasn't fully completed until this date in 1990.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

In 2005, John G. Roberts Jr. was sworn in as the nation's 17th chief justice after winning Senate confirmation.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush condemned Afghanistan's Taliban rulers for harboring Osama bin Laden and his followers as the U.S. pressed its military and diplomatic campaign against terror.

Five years ago: U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, R-Florida, resigned after being confronted with sexually explicit computer messages he'd sent to former House pages.

One year ago: Anti-austerity protests erupted across Europe; Greek doctors and railway employees walked off the job, Spanish workers shut down trains and buses, and one man rammed a cement truck into the Irish parliament to protest the country's enormous bank bailouts.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Scott is 89. Actor Steve Forrest is 86. Actress Anita Ekberg is 80. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 76. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Florida, is 69. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 63. Former child actor Ken Weatherwax (TV: "The Addams Family") is 56. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian Coe is 55. Comedian-actor Andrew "Dice" Clay is 54. Actress Erika Eleniak is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Devante Swing (Jodeci) is 42. Actor Zachary Levi is 31.

Thought for Today: "Nobody knows enough, but many know too much." — Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach, Austrian author (1830-1916).

Today's HOROSCOPE

Today's Birthday: In coming months, you're apt to make a very valuable and unique friendship. This person, who is introduced to you through a mutual friend, will open doors for you and take you to places you can only imagine.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because you won't dilly-dally over your opportunities, you could find yourself involved in several enterprises at the same time. You'll make them all live up to your expectations.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The right opening might present itself to put the finishing touches on a matter that has given you and everybody else fits. Be prepared to exploit it like the dickens.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There is likely to be a good reason for having someone continually in your thoughts at this time. Why not get in touch with this person, and see where it leads?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The biggest stimulus you

could get is the visualization of the material rewards you could derive from acting on one of several options. Define your purpose and go after it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Experience is generally one of our best teachers, and that's especially true at this time. You'll profit from a past mistake and eke out a victory where you once met bitter defeat.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — The two trump cards you're holding — your excellent imagination and your great resourcefulness, will give you an edge over the competition.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — In order to get the most out of the day, you need to spend some quality time with associates who want the same things you want. By doing so, you can assemble a better brain trust.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — There could be some unique career opportunities offered to you at this time that would be to your liking. Even if others don't see what you see in

these possibilities, follow your instincts.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You'll easily discern the difference between what is a well-calculated risk and what is merely a wild gamble. Follow your own nose and ignore those who can't see what you see.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — If you spot an unexpected shift in circumstances forming, you should consider what the ramifications might mean and act accordingly. It could put you one step ahead of the pack.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of your talents is the ability to improve upon good ideas offered by others. Don't hesitate to use it whenever and with whatever is being put in the pipeline.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be on continuous alert to expand upon whatever opportunities come your way, especially if they are financial in nature. You can make it big if you act promptly.

B PATRONS DIG INTO OLD-FASHIONED BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT POPULAR HOMOSSASSA HANGOUT OF BOB'S KITCHEN



Julianne Munn
OVER EASY

Fall-like weather stirs cooking appetite

There is a hint of Autumn in the air nowadays—though hard to discern at times. And as always, good cooks start thinking and planning menus for cooler days and nights.

Suddenly, homemade soups, stews and a multitude of heartier dishes sound wonderful again, from entrees to desserts and even thoughts of gathering recipes for holiday fare takes precedence over quick salads and take out.

Following are a few recipes to help you ease into fall in a delicious way.

The first is from Nestlé Kitchens and simply sounds too good not to share:

PUMPKIN BUTTERSCOTCH BREAD PUDDING

- 1 loaf (14 ounces) cinnamon challah bread or cinnamon brioche, cut into 3/4-inch cubes (about 10 cups)
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cans (12 fluid ounces EACH) NESTLÉ Carnation evaporated lowfat milk
- 1 can (15 ounces) LIBBY'S 100 percent Pure Pumpkin
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup NESTLÉ TOLL HOUSE Butterscotch-flavored morsels
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- Vanilla ice cream (if desired)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

Spread bread cubes in single layer on rimmed baking sheets. Bake, tossing occasionally, for 10 minutes or until dry.

Beat eggs in large bowl; stir in evaporated milk, pumpkin, 1 cup granulated sugar, vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and salt. Add bread; toss gently to coat. Transfer mixture into prepared baking dish; let stand for 30 minutes or until bread is thoroughly saturated (press down bread occasionally).

Combine brown sugar with remaining 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and remaining 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle morsels over bread mixture; top with brown sugar mixture.

Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 30 minutes (this will allow bread pudding to set). Serve warm with ice cream.

Right around the corner, October is National Pasta Month and this

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Bob Schaeffer, owner of Bob's Kitchen, displays a chef salad and French toast stuffed with peaches and cream cheese from behind the counter of his restaurant in Sunny Days Plaza in Homosassa. Bob also displays an order of bacon and eggs and chicken and dumpling soup.



Bob's Kitchen

- **LOCATION:** 5364 S. Suncoast Blvd. (in Sunny Day Plaza), Homosassa.
- **HOURS:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.
- **CALL:** (352) 628-0334.

You can get breakfast until closing and there is chili for lunch, \$2.95 a cup or \$3.95 a bowl; burgers; and club, roast turkey and hoagie sandwiches ranging around \$5.99. Homemade soups such as ham and split pea, for \$2.50, are available daily.

The diner provides a welcome and homey spot for customers who enjoy sharing fish tales and war stories. Many come for breakfast and reappear before closing for that last cup of coffee.

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Owner serves up signature dishes with attitude

JULIANNE MUNN
 Chronicle Food Writer

If you wake up hungry and crave a good old-fashioned homestyle breakfast with no fuss and frills, then consider Bob's Kitchen in Sunny Days Plaza on U.S. 19 south of Homosassa.

The name makes one recall that old adage: "No matter where I serve my guests, it seems they like my kitchen best."

Owner Bob Schaeffer holds court in the little diner on occasion and sometimes assists the cook, daughter Kristin Schaeffer, in preparing a few of the dishes.

This is a place for locals and more than a dozen regular senior military veterans — who don't mind if a stranger stops by for breakfast or lunch.

"This is my morning place," veteran Gary Land said. The Homosassa resident insisted, "This is the best food in town. And Bob makes the very best sausage gravy. I get the hash browns with an egg on top covered with the sausage gravy."

Schaeffer doesn't argue with Land about the food or atmosphere, saying breakfast is the most popular meal with folks, but that "we sell a lot of chili, soups and burgers, too."

"We don't get too serious about anything here," Schaeffer said jokingly, offering a running commentary about his friendly banter with patrons.

Schaeffer is proud of his signature dish, homemade carrot salad, and said he doesn't follow recipes, just cooks by instinct. It seems to work. His take on sloppy joes, called "Sloppy Bobs," are popular with the clientele.

Another comment was offered by enthusiastic customer Steve Caldwell.

"It is a real and genuine throwback to the good old days when the plates were filled with genuine home cooking and the helpings were plentiful," he said. "The pancakes are as large as the plates, the potatoes are freshly cut each day and the sausage, gravy and biscuits with two eggs over easy on top is the best I have tasted anywhere in this county — period, exclamation point."

Schaeffer, a Chicago native, is a 30-year resident of Citrus County. He once owned Tony's Doughnut Shop in Homosassa and Herman Brothers Roofing until he retired.

He said he bought Bob's Kitchen about a year and half ago to save it from going out of business and for his daughter Kristin, who wryly quipped, "I learned to cook well when my cooks quit."

He said in past years, he was head cook for the Homosassa Lions Club.

The cafe dining room seats about 25 customers and two picnic tables are outside. There are no fancy accoutrements, just lots of homey signs and fishing decor. If you're going light, you can

spend \$1.95 for one egg and one strip of bacon or sausage gravy and toast. Omelets and pancake orders range from \$1.50 to \$4.50 with sausage or bacon.

There are several unique breakfast items, topping out at \$5.50 for two eggs, home fries and smoked sausage or fried spam or bologna. Pork chops on a similar plate go for \$5.99 and there is corned beef hash, too.

About the only out-of-the-box items are the Peaches and Cream French Toast and vanilla, hazelnut or amaretto flavoring for coffee if you ask.

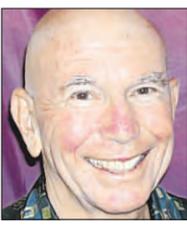
"I don't think you can get that anywhere else," said Jessica Jones, the sort of server who knows everyone by name and makes sure you get what you want in short order with a friendly smile.

Learn, use wine connoisseur lingo

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, the comments I hear at wine tastings are either "Not bad," or "That's pretty good."

No one has ever said, "Tastes like bottled poetry" or "I'm drinking droplets of history."

Not many folks are born poets. Most tasters admit to me they lack the words to describe wine. Wine is like music or attraction to another person. We may not understand it enough to vo-



Ron Drinkhouse
WINES & SUCH

calize, but we sure do know when the right one comes along.

Five descriptive methods are often used by the pros and experienced samplers:

- Flavor
 - Metaphor
 - Geometry
 - Bender
 - Anthropomorphically;
- that is, by attribution of human characteristics to the wine.

The most common is, of course, the first method of talking about

wine, by comparing its many flavors.

Here are some examples of more common words. Learn these few, drop them at tastings, and you will be spouting authentic "wine-speak." Fellow tasters may even deem you a maven.

Of course, there are the omnipresent descriptors dry and sweet, but you may add balanced for a smooth taste, nose for aroma, finish for the swallow and acetic for too crisp, crisp for just right, austere for too much tannin, big for a rich wine or just rich is enough. For a few more popular taste descriptions, think about black fruits, oak/vanilla, citrus,

fresh, green pepper, mushrooms and earthy. For really good wines, try complex, layered and deep.

The list goes on, but by now you get the idea. Link up flavors with various food groups.

A few negative comments include flabby, harsh, lean, or for really bad wine try wet dog and horse sweat. The above are personal favorites.

A good wine rated in rates in the 90s, might be described as "full-bodied, rich and complex, layered with currant fruits, and a long 20-second finish."

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Fine wine makes a hit at ballparks

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Maybe there's no crying in baseball, but that doesn't mean you can't have a good wine.

As the World Series approaches, fans of the grape and the great American pastime have more choices than ever with a number of wines, including some high-end vintages, on tap to wash down those hot dogs and Cracker Jack.

"You certainly find more wine in a ballpark than you used to, at least the upscale ballparks," said Kevin Reichard, publisher of BallparkDigest.com.

The trend goes hand-in-glove with the general sprucing up of food options at the park. Your hot dogs these days may very well be artisanal sausages grilled before your eyes. At Safeco Field in Seattle you can even get sushi, Reichard points out.

Sixth-generation grape-grower Tim Carl of Huge Bear wines is a big supporter of the trend. Huge Bear's small-lot wines are sold at Fenway Park in Boston.

"The folks that are going to these sporting events nowadays aren't just looking for standard beer or mass-produced wines. They're much more sophisticated from a food and wine standpoint," Carl said. "What the parks have been really good at doing is creating great food venues and now they're coming to realize that there is a real demand for some of these more unique wines."

At Aramark, the food and hospitality provider that manages a number of sporting venue concessions, officials have been surveying customers to find out what they want in menus, said Andrew Shipe, vice president of culinary and marketing for Aramark Sports.

Five years or so ago, wine was limited to premium seats. But these days it's more likely to be in the main concourse, Shipe said.

Aramark, which runs the food and beverage operations at Fenway Park, among others, picks its wines carefully, inviting industry insiders to provide a rundown on consumer trends and holding intensive tasting sessions.



Associated Press

Before serving these \$16 muffins, sprinkle the macadamia nuts around the outer edge, then sprinkle the gold leaf over the center surface. Top each with a chocolate-covered strawberry.

A muffin for \$16?

Bake up pricey treat for yourself

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

So political kerfuffle aside, you have to wonder exactly what a \$16 muffin would taste like.

Last week's news that the government supposedly paid \$16 apiece for breakfast muffins at a Justice Department conference set off critics of government spending.

Hilton Worldwide, the hotel company that hosted the 2009 confab in Washington, disputes the accuracy of the claim in a report by the Justice Department's inspector general. The hotel called it an accounting thing, explaining the price included various drinks and gratuity charges, in addition to the muffins.

Which all kind of misses the most compelling issues. If you did spend \$16 on a muffin, what would it look like? How would it taste? Is it even possible?

The typical muffin baked in an institutional setting such as a hotel costs about 50 cents or less, not counting labor. If you go crazy extravagant and reach for the top-shelf organic flour, maybe some hand-harvested wild blueberries from Maine and fancy sugar, you're still going to max out around \$1.

Here in The Associated Press test kitchen, we searched for ways to bump up the price of your basic muffin. The only way to get to \$16 was to reach for some old-fashioned booze and gold. We glazed our muffins with a chocolate sauce made from organic dark chocolate cut with reduced Scotch Whisky and edible gold leaf flakes.

\$16 MUFFINS

For the muffins:

- 2 1/2 cups organic all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted cultured butter
- 1/2 cup maple sugar
- 1/2 cup imported honey (the rarer the better)
- Seeds scraped from 2 Tahitian vanilla beans
- 2 free-range, organic eggs
- 1/2 cup organic milk
- 2 cups chopped dried strawberries (soaked in boiling water for 10 minutes, then drained)
- 1 cup chopped macadamia nuts, lightly toasted

For the topping:

- 2 cups top-shelf Scotch Whisky
- 16 ounces high-end, organic dark chocolate, chopped, divided
- 2 tablespoons unsalted cultured butter
- 2 tablespoons imported honey (the bigger the carbon footprint, the better)
- 1 teaspoon canola or vegetable oil
- 12 fresh strawberries
- 1 cup chopped macadamia nuts, lightly toasted
- 1/4 cup gold leaf flakes, loosely packed

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line 12 muffin tins with muffin cups.

In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and sea salt. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter, maple sugar, honey

and vanilla seeds until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, scraping the bowl between additions. Add half the flour mixture, then the milk, then the remaining flour mixture, beating and scraping the bowl between each addition.

By hand, stir in the dried strawberries and macadamia nuts. Spoon the mixture into the lined muffin tins. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown and a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Let cool for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to finish cooling.

While the muffins bake, prepare the topping. In a skillet, heat the Scotch Whisky (be careful, it will flame). Bring to a gentle simmer and reduce to 1/2 cup.

Place half of the chocolate, the butter and the honey in a heat-safe bowl. Pour the hot reduced liquor over the chocolate. Allow to sit for 2 minutes, then stir until completely smooth and glossy. Set aside.

Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the remaining chocolate with the oil. Microwave on high in 15-second bursts, stirring between, until completely melted and smooth.

One at a time, dunk each strawberry into the chocolate, covering about three-quarters of the berry. Set on the waxed paper, then refrigerate for several minutes to harden the chocolate.

Once the muffins are cool, spoon the chocolate glaze over the top of each, spreading it to coat the top surface. Sprinkle the macadamia nuts around the outer edge, then sprinkle the gold leaf over the center surface. Top each with a chocolate-covered strawberry.

— Recipe by Alison Ladman

Consider ending Yom Kippur fast with breakfast

JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

The Jewish Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, is meant to leave observers with a clean slate for the year to come. But it also leaves you famished.

That's because a major aspect of this holiest of holidays is a 25-hour fast. Needless to say, everyone looks forward to breaking the fast at the end of Yom Kippur, and the anticipation (and hunger) often makes the meal seem that much more special.

Susie Fishbein, author of the "Kosher by Design" cookbook series, notes most families treat the meal as literally a light breakfast.

"You've been fasting, so you don't want to eat anything too heavy," she said in a recent telephone interview. "And you've been at the synagogue all day, so you want a meal that's easy to put together or can be made ahead of time."

This explains the popularity of serving deli foods, such as smoked fish and make-ahead casseroles like kugels.

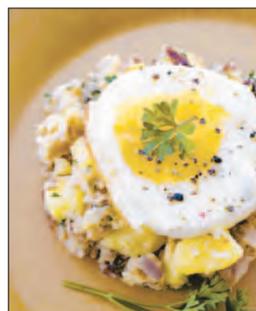
New York radio personality Arthur Schwartz, who also is author of "Arthur Schwartz's Jewish Home Cooking," calls the Yom Kippur supper the "ultimate Jewish Sunday brunch."

"It's definitely a breakfast," he said. "And I've actually heard of families that start their Yom Kippur meal with oatmeal, although I don't know why, given all the other delicious foods that are available."

He fondly recalls a meal from his childhood in Brooklyn that always began on a very light note with fresh melon. This was followed by mostly cold foods such as smoked and pickled fish, lox and whitefish, egg salad, tuna salad and then a savory noodle kugel made with sour cream, potted cheese and "a whole lot of butter."

Schwartz admits he and his father would occasionally cheat on the fast because Yom Kippur sometimes fell during the World Series, and they would snack on peanut butter and Ritz crackers during the game (after a respectable amount of fasting, of course).

For our smoked white-



Smoked whitefish hash with an egg is seen. For the hash, the whole mixture can be made ahead of time and stored, covered in the refrigerator.

fish hash, the whole mixture can be made ahead of time and stored, covered in the refrigerator. When it's time to eat, simply brown the hash in a skillet and then fry or poach some eggs to serve on top.

SMOKED WHITEFISH HASH

- 3 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 pounds smoked whitefish or trout
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large red onion, diced
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Add the potatoes and cook until tender, about 12 to 15 minutes. Drain and transfer to a large bowl.

Flake the smoked fish into the bowl with the potatoes. Add the parsley and heavy cream. Toss to coat.

Working in batches, in large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat half of the oil. Add half of the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Add the fish and potato mixture and cook, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes and fish are browned and slightly crisp, about 6 to 8 minutes. Season with salt and ground black pepper, to taste.

Repeat with remaining ingredients. From start to finish, it takes 30 minutes (15 minutes active) and serves eight.

WINES

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Description by metaphor requires a bit of thought. The example above of "bottled poetry" is attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson, Louis Pasteur and others.

Petronious wrote "wine is life," and the Roman poet Horace wrote, "No poems may please for long ... that were written by water drinkers."

Metaphors abound, but what do we make of the wine terms "intellectual" or "sexually charged?"

The geometry or mathematics of wine is another way to talk about the stuff. You might call it round, flat, or symmetrical. And the notion of balance is a real tough one, because so much of New World product is made to toss fruit in your face. Three dimensional wine connotes multi-sided with lots of zest.

The gender of wine is a favorite way to describe a soft smooth Pinot Noir, feminine and regal, while sturdy Argentine Malbec may resemble a knight in armor.

Finally, there is the description of wine in human terms. So a Riesling can be cheeky, a Semillion enigmatic, a chardonnay pompous, a cabernet overbearing — all human traits.

The business of tasting, wrote famous French enologist Emile Peynaud, 1912-2004, is "the problem of freeing oneself from the in-

fluence of external factors and the various forms of suggestion which might alter one's perception."

This said, for the average wine consumer, turning a wine's description into words will likely stay a

tough job. There is no harm, no foul in sticking to "it's good" or "not my kind of stuff," because taste is so very individual.

Oak Ridge resident Ron

Drinkhouse was a buyer and seller of wines in his native Connecticut. He welcomes inquiries, and can be reached via email at ronoct9@aol.com or via telephone at (352) 445-0328.

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Fresh take on classic soup

EASY

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recipe for Pasta and Radicchio could be a treat:

PASTA WITH RADICCHIO AND BACON

- 8 to 10 strips lean bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large head radicchio (soaked in cold water for 15 minutes and coarsely chopped)
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 12 ounces dried pasta, such as penne or fusilli
- 1/2 cup Italian parsley leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large skillet on medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels, reserving 1 tablespoon of drippings in the skillet. Add the olive oil.

On medium heat, sauté the chopped radicchio in the olive oil together with the garlic until thoroughly cooked. Meanwhile, boil 5 quarts of salted water and cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain

and toss the pasta in the pan with the radicchio, adding the bacon, Italian parsley, salt and pepper.

—*Courtesy of Royal Rose Radicchio farms*

EXTRA EASY CROCK POT STUFFED CABBAGE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 medium onion, cut in half and sliced
- 1 medium head green cabbage (sliced or chopped roughly)
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 15-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook beef and onions together until beef is no longer pink, drain grease and place in crock pot. Add all of the other ingredients, stir, and cook 4-6 hours on high, 8-10 on low.

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ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

French onion soup is a classic well suited for fall. The dark, rich broth and cheese-encrusted top are perfect for fending off a chilly evening.

For our version, we added a few more members of the onion family (leeks and shallots), a handful of herbs, as well as the earthiness of mushrooms. If you'd like to keep it vegetarian, you can swap out the beef and chicken broths for vegetable broth.

ONION AND MUSHROOM SOUP

- 2 ounce-package dried porcini or similar mushrooms
- 1 cup boiling water
- 5 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3 large sweet onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2 leeks, white parts only, cleaned and sliced
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons

chopped fresh thyme

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups beef broth
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 slices stale crusty bread
- 4 slices fontina cheese
- Chopped fresh chives, for garnish

Cut or break the dried mushrooms into small pieces and place in heat-safe bowl. Pour the boiling water over the mushroom pieces and set aside.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt 3 tablespoons of the butter. Add the onions and cook slowly until well-browned, stirring regularly, about 15 to 20 minutes. If the onions begin to get too browned, add a couple teaspoons of water. When the onions are browned and caramelized, add the wine and stir to deglaze the pan. Add the leeks, shallots, garlic, thyme, rosemary and remaining 2 tablespoons of butter.

Increase the heat to medium-high and cook until



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French onion and mushroom soup is a classic well suited for fall. The dark, rich broth and cheese-encrusted top are perfect for fending off a chilly evening.

the leeks are tender, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the flour and stir to coat everything. Pour in the chicken and beef broths, then stir well and bring to a boil. Add the steeped mushrooms (including the liquid), then reduce heat to simmer for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat the broiler.

Ladle the soup into 4

oven-safe crocks. Top each with a slice of the stale bread, then a slice of the cheese. Arrange the crocks on a rimmed baking sheet, then place under the broiler and cook until the cheese is melted and begins to brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve topped with fresh chives.

From start to finish, it takes one hour and serves four.

Helping prepare for council meeting

It is early Saturday morning as I write this and everyone else is still in bed. I decided to get up early today to write this column.

A 79-year-old member of our church district passed away yesterday morning. He had been a widower for the past 23 years.

While he didn't have any children, he leaves to mourn a lot of relatives in this area. He lived with his niece and her family and had his own part of the house. The viewing will be there. The funeral will be at another niece's house Monday. I will help out at the funeral.

Meanwhile, we've been busy helping sister Emma and her husband Jacob. My husband Joe and I and the children will go to Emma and Jacob's today to help with final preparations for church, which will be there tomorrow.

Yesterday, Joe and I assisted them with their work. I helped Emma do jobs inside the house while Joe worked outside in the building where church will be held. He put up a partition using canvas on one end of the building so lunch could be served there tomorrow.

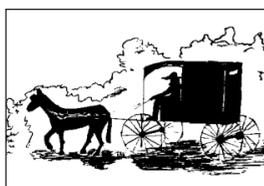
Jacob's will have council meeting tomorrow so services are longer than usual, lasting until 2:30 to 3 p.m. Council services are held in preparation for Communion services. Everyone does get a lunch break. Two tables are set and everyone takes turns to come eat starting around 11 o'clock until everyone is fed.

Emma plans to have chicken noodle soup, bologna, cheese spread, peanut butter spread, pickles, red beets, hot peppers, jam, wheat and white bread and four different kinds of cookies. The bread and cookies are being brought by women from our church. I made the jam for her, which is the green tomato jam recipe I shared in last week's column. I used strawberry gelatin, so it tastes really close to strawberry jam. Daughter Elizabeth made two batches of peanut butter cookies for Jacob and Emma's church services.

Elizabeth, 17, and Susan, 15, stayed home Friday to do my work while Joe and I went to Emma and Jacob's. The girls did laundry and the weekly cleaning. Elizabeth also baked the cookies.

Joe and I came home around 6:30 p.m. It was nice to see the house all clean and the laundry folded and put away. Sometimes I wonder how I managed to get all my work done when the girls were younger.

Joe also mopped the shed floor at Jacob's yesterday to help set up the church benches today. They also will hang chains outside the barn to make room for visitors to tie their horses. I will



Lovina Eicher
THE AMISH COOK

help Emma prepare the peanut butter and cheese spreads for tomorrow.

This morning we had 50 degrees outside and the air feels chilly. Jacob borrowed our propane heater in case it is cool and they need to heat the building for church services tomorrow.

Susan managed to get our yard all mowed. Our mower gave up on us and we have it back now from being serviced. This whole summer the boys had been doing the mowing, which really helped.

The leaves are changing color fast. The children say autumn is here. Now, maybe it will soon snow. Joseph, 9, woke one morning and asked if it was snowing. He said he heard the wind howling and thought maybe it was blowing snow outside. It's still a little early for that! Here is the recipe for the cheese spread.

HOMEMADE CHURCH CHEESE SPREAD

- 6 pounds of Velveeta cheese
- 1 1/2 cups butter
- 8 cups cream

Put everything in a big roaster and bake around 150 to 200 degrees, stirring every 15 minutes until all is melted. Cover with plastic wrap to prevent it from getting a crusty top while cooling. The spread is served on

a sandwich with or without meat. It is good just spread on bread with some pickles.

(Editor's note: Some Amish refer to this council service as "rule church," when, as the name implies, rules of the church are discussed. It is usually held the service before Communion.)

Lovina Eicher and her husband, Joe, are raising eight children on their rural Michigan homestead. Lovina inherited the Amish Cook column from her mother, Elizabeth Coblentz. For information about the Amish Cook, or to ask a question, write The Amish Cook, P.O. BOX 157, Middletown, OH 45042 or visit www.oasisnewsfeatures.com

BOB

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Bob's Kitchen is in Sunny Day Plaza south of Homosassa on U.S. 19. It is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schaeffer said he is considering opening for evening meals this fall with a single nightly special. For more information or carry-out, call (352) 628-0334.

Kristin Schaeffer, who worked as a server for 10 years at the original Boat-house Restaurant in Crystal River, shared her special Chicken Salad recipe:

CHICKEN SALAD KRISTIN

- 4 large chicken breasts
- 1 cup Hellman's

mayonnaise

- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup black grapes, halved
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries or apples
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook chicken breasts until done. Cool, debone and remove skin. Dice chicken. Mix chicken and all other ingredients together and chill. Keep refrigerated.

Julianne Munn is the food writer for the Citrus County Chronicle. Email her at jmunn2@tampabay.rr.com.

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Friday, September 30
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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WHEN IS A PUBLIC NOTICE NOT PUBLIC?

Don't let Florida officials remove your right to know from the newspaper.

Proposed legislation SPB 7204 and HB 89 would remove your right to read public notices in newspapers – restricting them to government web sites only. The public's right to know cannot be abandoned in favor of presumed cost savings, which are elusive.

Public Notices must be publicly accessible

- 53.6% of Floridians over 65 do not have access to the internet*
- 28.1% of African-Americans in Florida do not have access to the internet*
- 34.6% of Hispanics in Florida do not have access to the internet*

In addition to printed newspapers, Florida's newspapers provide a supplemental public notice web site, www.floridapublicnotices.com, allowing free and unlimited searchable access to public notices aggregated from Florida newspapers.

Government posting of government notices on government websites takes away third-party neutrality

Making government officials responsible for notifying the public on their own websites carries with it a potential for abuse. For example, it may create the temptation to change or manipulate the timing of public notices. If a scheduled public notice is not published or contains false information, the newspaper is more likely to catch the mistake.

Public Notices must be archived in a secure and accessible format

The Internet does not provide a reliable archival history of public notices as newspapers due to its vulnerability in the form of hackers, viruses, and downed servers.

Governmental websites do not provide legal affidavits and written proof of publication and a secure and verifiable paper trail

State and local governments, attorneys and private citizens rely on this documentation to ensure that these notices were published timely and lawfully, as newspapers are required by law to do.

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CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE

News NOTES

Sale will benefit county's homeless

Mission in Citrus Homeless Outreach Center at 2966 N. Portico Terrace, Hernando, will have a yard sale fundraiser from Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 2. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Proceeds from the sale benefit homeless in Citrus County.

Tribute to heroes in Dunnellon

"A Heroes' Tribute to God and Country" will be presented by Paul and Jackie Stevio and the students of Phantastic Sounds at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. State Road 40 (Powell Road), Dunnellon.

The public is invited to the event honoring first responders, military and everyday heroes. Free admission. For more information, call Jackie Stevio at (352) 527-6902.

Dancers to kick up heels this month

On Saturday, Oct. 1, it's time for Spirit of Citrus Dancers' monthly Birthday Dance Party. Complimentary cake will be served. Music by Butch Phillips.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, it's a "Full Moon Crazy" Dance Party. Wear the silliest outfit you can think up and join in the fun. Music by Bill Dimmitt.

Join in on Saturday, Oct. 29, for a "Harvest Hoedown." Deejay Butch Phillips will play danceable country music, along with ballroom favorites.

Dances are at the Kellner Auditorium Jewish Center in Beverly Hills. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Admission is \$6 for members and \$9 for non-members. For information, call Barb and Jack at (352) 344-1383.

Fine arts show in October

The ninth annual Nature Coast Fine Art & True Craft Show will be at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The show will be adjacent to the park Visitor Center parking lot on U.S. 19. Admission is free. Call Laura Hennings at (352) 637-4203.

Cruisers slate yard sale Oct. 8

Citrus County Cruisers invites the public to a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Wendy's parking lot in Crystal River.

All sorts of items will be available, from used fishing tackle to grandma's frying pan. The public is welcome.

Animal Shelter ADOPTABLES

Sweetness



Special to the Chronicle

Sweetness is a 3-year-old Staffordshire terrier mix. She loves people and other dogs; cats are of no interest to her. She loves to play, but won't jump on people. She's great on a leash and extremely well behaved. People laugh when she dances by herself. Sweetness would make a wonderful family pet. Visit Sweetness at Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View all adoptable pets at www.citruscritters.com. Call (352) 746-8400.

Let the chips fall where they may

Play Cow Pie Bingo

Special to the Chronicle

Join Citrus Memorial Health System's Relay For Life team in a unique fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society. Cow Pie Bingo and Family Fun Day will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Allen Ridge Diagnostic Imaging Center, 520 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

There will be food and affordable games for all ages, as well as prizes donated by many Citrus County merchants. The real fun will be waiting to see who will win the \$500 cash prize in Citrus Memorial's first-

ever Cow Pie Bingo contest. Cost per square is \$10 and multiple owners of one square are allowed. Squares can be purchased through Saturday, Oct. 1, at any of Citrus Memorial's diagnostic imaging locations in Inverness, Homosassa or Lecanto or online at relaycowpiebingo.com.

If you're not familiar with Cow Pie Bingo, here's how it works: The cow is maintained in a roped-off area with squares marked off to form a grid. The cow will be allowed to roam freely within the grid and cannot be coaxed in any way to any certain area. Once the chips fall in a square, a winner will be declared. Attendance is not required to win.

For more information, call (352) 746-5355.

Hounding law enforcement



CINDY CONNOLLY/Chronicle

Anne Boyett, of Greenville, S.C., attended the 832 K-9's Deputy Dogs annual fundraiser Sept. 24 at Citrus Springs Community Center. Boyett is currently fostering Phoenix, shown above, an 8-week-old bloodhound puppy from the "Made in America" litter (each puppy is named after an American city). Foster homes socialize the puppies and work to promote confidence, boldness and inquisitiveness. This helps give the bloodhounds an extra drive to become working partners with law enforcement personnel nationwide. After seven or eight months, the puppies are returned to 832 K-9's and they begin boot camp.

Animals will be blessed Oct. 1

Event features pet parade, more

Special to the Chronicle

Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church invites all Citrus County domestic animals and their owners to the first St. Francis Blessings of the Animals and Festival for all animals large and small from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. The church is on County Road 486 in Lecanto.

The actual Blessing of the

Animals begins at 11 a.m., preceded by a parade of animals. The festival features animal-related booths, with a veterinarian, pet rescues and more with seminars, demonstrations and more.

Those who attend are asked to bring dry dog or cat food for the families supported by SOS food pantry.

A Humane Society of Central Florida Inc./Dobie

Ranch Rescue Rescue will be among those participating with pet adoptions, dog training information and useful literature for owning and caring for pets. Call Diane DeSantis at (352) 302-9251.

Safe At Home Pet Rescue Inc. will also be among those groups participating, to introduce some of its adoptable pets and offer handmade doggie fashions and other dog-related items. Email Pamela Rutzebeck at prutzebeck@gmail.com.

Share a chuckle at Comedy Night

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus County Parks & Recreation will present Comedy Night Saturday, Oct. 8, at Citrus Springs Community Center.

Stand-up comedians for the family-friendly show will be Rudy Mendoza and Tim Keck. There will be special appearances from a few improv comedians.

Tickets are \$15 per per-

son for appetizers and show.

Tickets must be purchased in advance; there is limited seating. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. For tickets, call (352) 465-7007 or (352) 527-7540.

News NOTES

Fall Festival set at primary school

Crystal River Primary PTO Fall Festival is slated for 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Crystal River Primary School. The public is welcome.

Activities will include games, inflatables, food and drinks, the Sweet Repeat Costume Shop and more. The festival will be at Crystal River Primary School in the physical education area. Tickets are 25 cents each, with games and food ranging from two to six tickets. The PTO will also offer a \$5 armband good for the duration of your stay on any of the inflatables.

At the Sweet Repeat Shop, parents will be able to purchase gently used children's Halloween costumes at a discounted price. Those interested in donating children's costumes may bring them to the school's front office.

To volunteer (as little as half an hour) to help at the Fall Festival (running a game, helping with food, etc.), email crpspto@yahoo.com.

Drawing for Camaro is Oct. 1

Time is growing short to purchase a ticket for the red Camaro being given away by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Love Chevrolet in Inverness. The public is invited to the drawing, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the clubs. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets sell for \$25 each and only 2,000 have been printed. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County. People who paid an earlier price of \$50 a ticket received an extra ticket in the drawing, giving them an additional chance to win.

Tickets may be purchased at the citrusbgc.com website until noon Friday, Sept. 30. Tickets may be purchased at Love Chevrolet up until the drawing or from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Citrus County office at Love Motor Sports in Homosassa; (352) 621-9225.

Elks to host craft show Saturday

Inverness Elks Lodge 2522 will host its second semi-annual Lakeside Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Elk's Lodge at 3580 Lemon St., Hernando, off State Road 44.

Inside and outside vendors will sell their products and food and beverages will be offered. Many handcrafted items will be raffled off throughout the day. This show is open to the public.

Call Mimi for more information at (352) 860-2598. Free admission and parking.

West Citrus Elks to do Oktoberfest

West Citrus Elks Lodge No. 2693 will have its Oktoberfest Celebration Saturday, Oct. 1.

Oktoberfest is known as much for its traditional folk music as it is for its beer drinking. Popular and folk music, marches, polkas and German drinking songs will be played for everyone's enjoyment.

The trio Power Play will play polka and German music from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Chef Ken will serve beef rouladen or catch of the day, potato pancakes with applesauce, red cabbage, Caesar salad, German chocolate cake for dessert and coffee; \$14. Social hour starts at 5 p.m.

Tickets are available in the lounge.

Elks welcome all at open house

West Citrus Elks Lodge No. 2693 invites the public to an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the lodge, Grover Cleveland Boulevard east of U.S. 19 in Homosassa.

An Oktoberfest-type menu will be offered by Chef Ken.

Enjoy a slice with BHRA; play bingo

Beverly Hills Recreation Association at 77 Civic Circle will host a pizza party Thursday, Oct. 6. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and pizza will be served at 5:30, followed by bingo.

The menu includes pizza, salad, dessert and coffee; no tax, no tip. Tickets are \$7. Reservations are a must by noon, Tuesday, Oct. 4. Tickets can be purchased at the office at 77 Civic Circle, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Call (352) 746-4882.

Model railroaders meet Oct. 4

The October program for the Citrus Model Railroad Club will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Robinson Horticulture Building at the fairgrounds.

The program will be a video on coal mining and railroads. Many railroads and the coal shipments that they carry have been a source of inspiration for many model railroaders through the years.

Call Denis Riley at (352) 835-3656.

Plant society to gather Oct. 4

The October meeting of the Citrus County Native Plant Society will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle in Beverly Hills.

Guest speaker will be chapter member who will present a program on selected Florida native plants.

Bridge club to host luncheon Oct. 6

Nature Coast Bridge Club will host its annual community-wide free bridge luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Come for lunch and stay to play your favorite type of bridge.

The event is open to all bridge players in Hernando, Pasco, and Citrus counties who did not play in an NCBC game prior to Oct. 1, 2010, as well as social or party bridge players, and people who have never played bridge but would like to give it a try.

For information or to RSVP, call Beverly Tillberry at (352) 556-3892 or Annabelle Hills at (352) 597-5221.

Nereids to have card party, lunch

Crystal River Nereids will host a Military Card Party and luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Power Squadron Building, 845 N.E. Third Ave.

Tickets are \$12 and it is recommended reservations be made for tables of four. Tickets can be purchased by calling Lennie at (352) 634-4300.

MSBU meeting coming up Oct. 5

Citrus Springs' MSBU meeting will be at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd.

For more information, call (352) 527-5478.

Flu shots at Sunflower Springs

Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Community, 8733 W. Yulee Drive, Homosassa, will host B&W Rexall Drugs to offer flu shots from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6.

For more information, call (352) 621-8017.

Bonsai enthusiasts meet in Inverness

Buttonwood Bonsai Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Key Training Center in Inverness, 130 Heights St.

Club member and bonsai guru Bob "Bonsai Bob" Eskeitz will offer a demonstration of carving deadwood on bonsai. All are welcome.

Call Jim Stephens at (352) 848-0102 or Clay Gratz at (352) 563-2156.

■ Submit information at least two weeks before the event.
■ Early submission of timely material is appreciated, but multiple publications cannot be guaranteed.

■ Submit material at *Chronicle* offices in Inverness or Crystal River; by fax at (352) 563-3280; or email to community@chronicleonline.com.

■ Notes tend to run one week prior to the date of an event. Publication on a special day can't be guaranteed.
■ Expect notes to run no more than once.

THURSDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 29, 2011. 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. Sam Levenson, a humorist and author who died in 1980, said, "If you want to know how your girl will treat you after marriage, just listen to her talking to her little brother." At the bridge table, if you want to know how your suits will break, just listen to the talking — bidding — of your opponents.

Bridge puzzle. Title: Bridge. Date: 09-29-11. Includes a 13-card hand for North and West, and a 13-card hand for East and South. Dealer: South. Vulnerable: East-West. Opening lead: ♠ K.

should make a three-heart game. If partner's goodies are in the majors, you might make game. But when West overcalls two hearts, suddenly you have four heart losers. You should pass. Game cannot be a good contract. Finally, West should not compete by bidding three hearts — he has shown his hand. (If West does bid three hearts, South should double and collect 200.) Even two spades is too high! West ought to lead the diamond king — a short strong suit usually makes a great start against a trump contract. Declarer wins with dummy's ace, plays a heart to his ace, and ruffs a heart in the dummy. However, East overruffs and returns a diamond. South trumps and ruffs another heart, but East overruffs and leads back a trump. Now declarer loses two hearts, two clubs and two overruffs.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a grid of letters to be unscrambled into four ordinary words. The answer is provided at the bottom: PYEOX, ELTFE, DNUNEO, KASYNE.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Like stolen goods, 4 Deuterium discoverer, 8 Mix, 12 PFC mail drop, 13 Mad emperor, 14 Embraced, 15 Fish farm, 17 Purple flower, 18 Island welcomes, 19 Horse, 21 Mismocked, 23 Very pleased, 24 Tweet, 27 Pore over a book, 29 Wiedersehen, 30 Subscription length, 32 Velvety, 36 Dept. store inventory, 38 Jacuzzis, 40 Sci. class. DOWN: 1 Merry sound (hyph.), 2 Libra's stone, 3 Oz canine, 4 Crestfallen, 5 Brooklyn Dodger great, 6 Get wrong, 7 Toy on a string (hyph.), 8 Protects.

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Grid with words: THAI, AMO, RAJA, REIN, LAW, OVAL, URNS, FILAMENT, ATTAIN, MACE, EYE, BIN, CLEAN, FEDORA, BOLD, TUNE, YET, SAL, JUST, SERE, NATURE, JASON, INN, AIM, KENT, ANGORA, INDIA, INK, VISE, REAR, VAL, AMPS, SEAR, ETE, REST.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "George" for 11 years. In the past two, George and I have had sex only three times. Lately, when I go to kiss him, he turns away. I have asked George if there is someone else or if he has a medical issue, but he denies both. I've been told I am quite attractive, but he seems interested only in the financial stability I provide. I am so frustrated. The only thing keeping me here is I am taking classes at a local college and am close to finishing. I would like to save my marriage, but can't do it by myself. Am I wasting my time? I don't get the impression George even likes me, let alone loves me. — Need an Outsider's Insight. Dear Need: If George thinks he has a medical problem, he should be willing to see a doctor — and you should encourage him to do so. If he were having an affair or if he were gay, however, he might not tell you. Get some counseling and figure out whether it is worth staying in this loveless marriage. Dear Annie: My sister is getting married next spring. My husband and I are excited for her, but we live in the Midwest, and they are getting married in Hawaii. My husband and I don't make

ANNIE'S MAILBOX. Photo of Annie and George. Text: "After the rest of the guests go home (or before they arrive), you and your husband can enjoy the trip you planned, even if it is not on the exact day you wanted. This is what family members do when they love each other (although your sister certainly doesn't make it easy). Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Suffering Soon-to-Be Ex," whose wife left him after he made the incredible blunder of saying he wished he'd found his wife's sister first. A few years ago, my co-worker made a huge mistake during a business conference call. The very next day, he wrote on the white board in his office, "Think fast. Talk slow." I thought you might want to pass this sage advice along to your readers. We were able to save the client. I hope "Soon" is as fortunate. — Slow Talker. Dear Slow: We hope so, too. Thanks for the excellent words to live by. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com."

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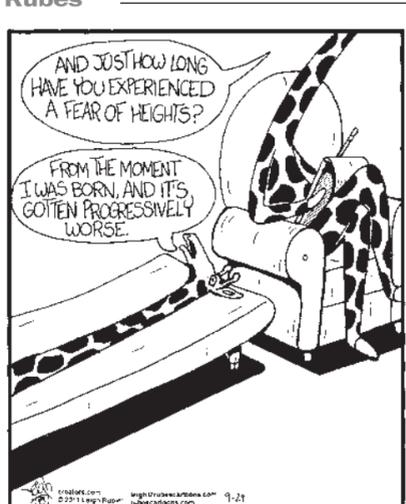
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Dennis the Menace



The Family Circus



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Big Nate



Frank & Ernest



Arlo and Janis



Today's MOVIES

Citrus Cinemas 6 - Inverness; 637-3377
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) 4:15 p.m.
'Abduction' (PG-13) 1:25 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) In Real 3D. 1:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
No passes.
'Moneyball' (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 7 p.m.
'Killer Elite' (R) ID required. 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:10 p.m.
'The Lion King' (G) 1:40 p.m.
'The Lion King' (G) In Real 3D. 4:40 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Contagion' (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
No passes.
Crystal River Mall 9; 564-6864
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) 4 p.m.
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) In Real 3D. 1:25 p.m., 7 p.m.
No passes.

'Abduction' (PG-13) 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'Moneyball' (PG-13) 1:15 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:15 p.m.
'Killer Elite' (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Straw Dogs' (R) ID required. 1:55 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:55 p.m.
'Drive' (R) ID required. 2 p.m., 8 p.m.
'I Don't Know How She Does It' (PG-13) 1:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:40 p.m.
'The Lion King' (G) 1:10 p.m.
'The Lion King' (G) In Real 3D. 4:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m.
No passes.
'Contagion' (PG-13) 5 p.m.
'The Help' (PG-13) 1 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:20 p.m.

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WXJB 99.9 FM News Talk
WRGO-FM 102.7 Oldies
WYKE-FM 104.3 Sports Talk
WUVV 105.5 FM Hudson
WJQB-FM 106.3 Oldies
WFJV-FM 103.3 '50s, '60s, '70s
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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: W equals F
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FOJNJ UOJP OGYJ TM GEEMBTU.'
- MREGN FDWXJ
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- Placed made from a loblolly (1)
- Murdoch's TV network is way cool (1)
- Uncle's wife's research funding (1)
- Kidnap money in a horse carriage (2)
- Pressed a tiara atop poet Ezra (1)
- More honestly frank restaurant worker (2)

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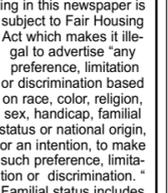
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1459-0929 THCRN Value Adjust Board Oct. & Nov. Hearings PUBLIC NOTICE

Tentatively Scheduled Hearing Dates:
OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 through 21, 24, and 27; AND NOVEMBER 14 through 18, 2011.
BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M.
CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE ROOM 2-326, 3RD FLOOR, INVERNESS, FLORIDA

In compliance with Florida Statute 196.194, a list of the following applicants is maintained for public view between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., in the Citrus County Property Appraiser's Office, Courthouse Annex, 210 North Apopka Avenue, Suite 200, Inverness, Florida, and at the Property Appraiser's Crystal River Satellite Office, 801 SE Highway 19, Crystal River, Florida:

(a) Applicants for exemption who have had their applications for exemption wholly or partially approved
(b) Applicants for exemption who have had their applications for exemption denied

Types of exemptions included in the lists are: Homestead; Widow/Widower; Disability; Blind; Service connected 10% or more disability; Service connected total & permanent disability; Civilian total & permanent disability; Veterans age 65 or older with combat disability-Property Tax Discount; transfer of homestead assessment difference; Agricultural classification of lands; Religious, Literary, Charitable, and Scientific.

DENNIS DAMATO, CHAIRMAN
2011 Value Adjustment Board, Citrus County, Florida

September 29, 2011.

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1425-0929 THCRN
Vs. Gracia Jr., Artemio 2010-CC-3525 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. : 2010-CC-3525

PINE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTEMIO GRACIA, JR., if alive and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against him, and all unknown natural persons, if alive and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees or other persons claiming by, through, under or against the Defendant(s) and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants, or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated Sept. 6, 2011, in Case No. 2010-CC-3525 of the County Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, in which PINE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, the Plaintiff, ARTEMIO GRACIA, JR., hereinafter described as the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room of the Citrus County Courthouse in Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of October, 2011, the following described property set forth in the Order of Final Judgment After Default:

LOT 3, BLOCK 182, PINE RIDGE UNIT TWO, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 37-50, inclusive, of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED the 6th day of September, 2011.
BETTY STIFLER, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Karen T. Padden, As Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011.

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

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Defendant(s).

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DATED the 6th day of September, 2011.
BETTY STIFLER, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Karen T. Padden, As Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011.

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Defendant(s).

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DATED the 6th day of September, 2011.
BETTY STIFLER, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Karen T. Padden, As Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011.

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1429-0929 THCRN
vs. Ball, Denise C. 2011-CA-1816 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-1816

Prepared by: Gladstone Law Group, P.A., 1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33486

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Mr. John D. Sullivan at 110 N. Apopka Street, Inverness, FL 34450; telephone number 352-341-6700 two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8771 (TTY); if you are voice impaired, call the Florida Relay Services at 1-800-955-8770."

September 22 & 29, 2011. 09-003784

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1429-0929 THCRN
vs. Ball, Denise C. 2011-CA-1816 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-1816

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September 22 & 29, 2011. 09-003784

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1429-0929 THCRN
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September 22 & 29, 2011. 09-003784

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1434-0929 THCRN
Vs. Vonkuehman, William 09-2009-CA-004527 Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 09-2009-CA-004527

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 1 day of September, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-004527, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 6 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, IN BLOCK 248, OF PINE RIDGE UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 25 THROUGH 36, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 4670 PINK POPPY DR N., BEVERLY HILLS, FL 34465

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact John Sullivan, ADA Coordinator at (352) 341-6700, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 178, Lecanto, FL 34461, A. Sherry Anderson@bacc.citrus.fl.us within 2 working days of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court.

DATED at Inverness, Florida, this 9 day of September, 2011.
BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of Courts
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Citrus County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

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Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1434-0929 THCRN
Vs. Vonkuehman, William 09-2009-CA-004527 Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 09-2009-CA-004527

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 1 day of September, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-004527, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM VONKUEHLMAN N/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN A/K/A WILLIAM ALLEN VON KUEHLMAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 6 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, IN BLOCK 248, OF PINE RIDGE UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 25 THROUGH 36, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DATED at Inverness, Florida, this 9 day of September, 2011.
BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of Courts
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, Citrus County, Florida
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011 10-09824

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1429-0929 THCRN
vs. Ball, Denise C. 2011-CA-1816 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CA-1816

HARVEY SCHONBRUN, TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DENISE C. BALL, ST. JOE TITLE SERVICES d/b/a Sunbelt Title Agency, and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

East 1/2 of Lot 1, Block 22, MAP OF FLORAL CITY, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 10, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, First Floor, at the new Citrus County Courthouse Addition, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., on the 13 day of October, 2011.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 9 day of September, 2011.
BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011.

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1430-0929 THCRN
Vs. Bailey, Keith V. 2010-CA-5985 Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. : 2010-CA-5985

BOMBARDIER CAPITAL INC., acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer,
Plaintiff
vs.
KEITH V. BAILEY A/K/A KEITH BAILEY, GENE HODD BAIL BONDS, INC., AGENTS FOR ROCHE SURETY & CASUALTY, ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE, INC., as assignee of HOUSEHOLD BANK, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH V. BAILEY A/K/A KEITH BAILEY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary Judgment For Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Citrus County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 SKYLINE, 6601CT, 60 x 28 MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER: HD61-1244LAB.

Commonly known as: 8191 W. Scotch Pine Lane, Crystal River, Florida 34428.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the **Jury Assembly Room, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450**, at 10:00 a.m. (EST), on the 13 day of October, 2011.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Notice to Persons With Disabilities: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator's office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding.
BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011.

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1435-0929 THCRN
Vs. Ponticelli, Michael 09-2009-CA-001305 Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 09-2009-CA-001305

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL PONTICELLI; DEANNA PONTICELLI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 1 day of September, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-001305, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL PONTICELLI; DEANNA PONTICELLI and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 6 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 58 OF SPORTSMEN'S PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 39 AND 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 2 day of September, 2011.
Betty Strifler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

September 22 & 29, 2011. 09-22977

Forclosures Sale/Action Notices

1435-0929 THCRN
Vs. Ponticelli, Michael 09-2009-CA-001305 Re-Notice of Foreclosure Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 09-2009-CA-001305

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL PONTICELLI; DEANNA PONTICELLI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in CITRUS COUNTY CHRONICLE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 1 day of September, 2011, and entered in Case No. 09-2009-CA-001305, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL PONTICELLI; DEANNA PONTICELLI and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION OF THE CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 N. APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FL 34450, 10:00 a.m. on the 6 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 58 OF SPORTSMEN'S PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO

**Foreclosure Sale/
Action Notices****Foreclosure Sale/
Action Notices****Foreclosure Sale/
Action Notices**

Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL P. DUNN A/K/A MICHAEL DUNN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 08, 2011 and entered in Case No. 09-2010-CA-006062 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for CITRUS COUNTY, Florida wherein CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL P. DUNN A/K/A MICHAEL DUNN; MELISSA A. DUNN A/K/A MELISSA ANNE DUNN; REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH AHSOUTH BANK; are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA at 10:00AM, on the 13 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 19, 20, 21, 22, AND 23, BLOCK 124, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS, UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 109 THROUGH 113, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 383 N KERSHAW WAY, INVERNESS, FL 34453

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 9, 2011.
Betty Striffler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Robert Kirby, Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Mr. John D. Sullivan, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4231 Phone: 352-341-6700 Fax: 352-341-7008**

September 22 & 29, 2011. F10104629

1447-1006 THCRN

Vs. Wroxton Homes, LLC 2010-CA-5284 Notice of Foreclosure Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-5284

CAPITAL CITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

v.
WROXTON HOMES, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company d/b/a SOMERSET HOMES; MICHAEL R. ROSSELET, Individually; KERRY FOWLER, Individually; and PINE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Sept. 15, 2011 and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-5284 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein CAPITAL CITY BANK is the Plaintiff and WROXTON HOMES, LLC d/b/a SOMERSET HOMES; MICHAEL R. ROSSELET; KERRY FOWLER; and PINE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Clerk's office of the Citrus County Clerk of Court's Office, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, at 10:00 a.m. eastern standard time on Oct. 20, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 17, 2011:

LOT 23, BLOCK 198, PINE RIDGE, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 37 THROUGH 50, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 15, 2011.
Betty Striffler, Citrus County Clerk of Court
(Court Seal)
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

September 29 and October 6, 2011.

1449-1006 THCRN

Vs. Rose, Angela 2009-CA-02526 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-002526 Division #:

PHH Mortgage Corporation,
Plaintiff,

-vs.-
Angela Rose; Forest Inlet Condominium Association, Inc.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-002526 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff and Angela Rose are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE TO THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 10:00 AM, Oct. 20, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 3, BUILDING A, FOREST INLET, A CONDOMINIUM TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 569, PAGES 1820 THROUGH 1867, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

BETTY STRIFFLER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Citrus County, Florida
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & Gache, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614 (813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800

September 29 and October 6, 2011. 09-136966 FC01

1450-1006 THCRN

Vs. Freiheit, Donna Cothron 2011-CA-000497 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY
Case #: 2011-CA-000497 Division #:

Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage
Plaintiff,

-vs.-
Donna Cothron Freiheit, Surviving Tenant by the Entirety of James E. Freiheit, Deceased
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 15, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000497 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, Plaintiff and Donna Cothron Freiheit, Surviving Tenant by the Entirety of James E. Freiheit, Deceased are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE TO THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 10:00 AM, Oct. 20, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 82, BEVERLY HILLS UNIT NUMBER FIVE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 2-5 PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

BETTY STRIFFLER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Citrus County, Florida
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & Gache, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614 (813) 880-8888 (813) 880-8800

September 29 and October 6, 2011. 10-202629 FC01

1451-1006 THCRN

Vs. Lowe-Miller, Lorraine E. 092010CA001109XXXXX Re-Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 092010CA001109XXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.
LORRAINE E. LOWE-MILLER; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated August 19, 2010, and an Order Resetting Sale dated August 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 092010CA001109XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and LORRAINE E. LOWE-MILLER; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the New Addition to the New Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 at Citrus County, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., on the 20 day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK 1219, CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 17, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGES 1 THROUGH 18, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Citrus County Courthouse. Telephone 352-637-9400 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Inverness, Florida, on August 31, 2011.

BETTY STRIFFLER, As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Robert Kirby, As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO BOX 11438, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1439 Telephone: (954) 564-0071

September 29 and October 6, 2011. 1183-82782

1452-1006 THCRN

Vs. Merrick, Kelly L. 092009CA001253XXXXX Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 092009CA001253XXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AHL2,
Plaintiff,

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vs.
KELLY L. MERRICK, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated September 15, 2011, and entered in Case No. 092009CA001253XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AHL2 is Plaintiff and KELLY L. MERRICK; LARRY R. MERRICK; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the New Addition to the New Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 at Citrus County, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., on the 20th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 128, BEVERLY HILLS, UNIT NO. SIX, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 89, 90 AND 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Citrus County Courthouse. Telephone 352-637-9400 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Inverness, Florida, on September 16, 2011.

BETTY STRIFFLER, As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO BOX 11438, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 Telephone: (954) 564-0071

September 29 and October 6, 2011. 1183-63476

1453-1006 THCRN

Vs. Long, Randal 092008CA003903XXXXX Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 092008CA003903XXXXX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-13,
Plaintiff,

vs.
RANDAL LONG A/K/A RANDAL L. LONG, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated September 15, 2011, and entered in Case No. 092008CA003903XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-13 is Plaintiff and RANDAL LONG A/K/A RANDAL L. LONG; ROBERTA LONG A/K/A ROBERTA LYNN LONG A/K/A ROBERTA L. LONG; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the New Addition to the New Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 at Citrus County, Florida, at 10:00 a.m., on the 20th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 30, BLOCK 358, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS WEST, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 19-33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Citrus County Courthouse. Telephone 352-637-9400 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Inverness, Florida, on September 16, 2011.

BETTY STRIFFLER, As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO BOX 11438, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438 Telephone: (954) 564-0071

September 29 and October 6, 2011. 1183-54026

1454-1006 THCRN

Vs. Bremner, Madolyn 09-2010-CA-000155 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-2010-CA-000155 DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MADOLYN BREMNER A/K/A MADILYN BREMNER, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 15, 2011 and entered in Case No. 09-2010-CA-000155 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and MADOLYN BREMNER A/K/A MADILYN BREMNER, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA at 10:00 AM, on the 20th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 17 OF APACHE SHORES UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 45 AND 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO- VIN# GAFL12C6071991.

A/K/A 4475 N CUSTER TERRACE, HERNANDO, FL 34442

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 15, 2011.
Betty Striffler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Mr. John D. Sullivan, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4231 Phone: 352-341-6700 Fax: 352-341-7008**

September 29 and October 6, 2011. F10000813

1455-1006 THCRN

Vs. Romney, Reuben 09-2010-CA-000778 Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 09-2010-CA-000778 DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-18,
Plaintiff,

vs.
REUBEN ROMNEY, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 15, 2011 and entered in Case No. 09-2010-CA-000778 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-18 is the Plaintiff and REUBEN ROMNEY; JESSICA LYNN ROMNEY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP; CITRUS HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA at 10:00 AM, on the 20th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 18, BLOCK 10, CITRUS HILLS FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 73 THROUGH 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2602 N CLEMENTS AVENUE, HERNANDO, FL 34442

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 15, 2011.
Betty Striffler, Clerk of the Circuit Court
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Mr. John D. Sullivan, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4231 Phone: 352-341-6700 Fax: 352-341-7008**

September 29 and October 6, 2011. F09119843

1448-1006 THCRN

Vs. Miller, John N. 2009-CA-003831 Amended Notice of Sale

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY
Case #: 2009-CA-003831 Division #:

A Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of August 1, 2007, GSAMP Trust 2007-HSBC1,
Plaintiff,

-vs.-
John N. Miller and Carol J. Miller, Husband and Wife,
Defendant(s)

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated Sept. 15, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-003831 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein A Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of August 1, 2007, GSAMP Trust 2007-HSBC1, Plaintiff and John N. Miller and Carol J. Miller, Husband and Wife are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE TO THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE NEW ADDITION TO THE NEW CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 10:00 AM, Oct. 20, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 23, GARDEN HILL, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NW CORNER OF BLOCK 23, CHARPIA'S ADDITION TO CRYSTAL RIVER, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE N. 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 10

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SECONDS E. ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 23, A DISTANCE OF 79.75 FEET; THENCE S. 0 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS E. PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 23, A DISTANCE OF 104.41 FEET, THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 19 SECONDS W. 79.75 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID WEST LINE, THENCE N. 0 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W. ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 104.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND

LOT 2, BLOCK 23, GARDEN HILL, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLO

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Defendants. RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated August 19, 2010, and an Order Resetting Sale dated August 23, 2011, and entered in Case No. 092009CA005375XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Citrus County, Florida...

COMMENCE AT THE UNITED STATES GENERAL LAND OFFICE BRASS CAP SET FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHED MEANDER CORNER OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, ON THE WEST SHORE OF HERRON'S ISLAND NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY BY ARTHUR W. BROWN, U.S. CADASTRAL ENGINEER, FROM MARCH 21, TO APRIL 30, 1927, SAID MEANDER CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3 OF SAID SECTION 13, THENCE S. 89° 47' E., ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 179.93 FEET, THENCE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 82.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 55 FEET, THENCE N. 82 DEGREES 58' W. 116.79 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS OF LAKE TSLA APOPKA, THENCE S. 52 DEGREES 29' 30" W. ALONG SAID WATERS A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET TO A POINT THAT BEARS N. 83 DEGREES 41' 20" W. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 83 DEGREES 41' 20" W. 149 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE WATERS OF LAKE TSLA APOPKA, THENCE S. 52 DEGREES 29' 30" W. 20 FEET, THENCE S. 35 DEGREES 27' 45" W. 15.30 FEET TO A POINT THAT BEARS N. 84 DEGREES 23' 50" W. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 84 DEGREES 23' 50" W. 159.97 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE N 1/2 OF LOT 2, OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST; AND,

COMMENCE AT THE UNITED STATES GENERAL LAND OFFICE BRASS CAP SET FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHED MEANDER CORNER OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, ON THE WEST SHORE OF HERRON'S ISLAND NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY BY ARTHUR W. BROWN, U.S. CADASTRAL ENGINEER, FROM MARCH 21, TO APRIL 30, 1927, SAID MEANDER CORNER BEING ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3 OF SAID SECTION 13, THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 47' E., ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 179.93 FEET, THENCE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 82.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N. 29 DEGREES 45' 10" E. 55 FEET, THENCE N. 82 DEGREES 58' W. 116.79 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS OF LAKE TSLA APOPKA, THENCE S. 52 DEGREES 29' 30" W. ALONG SAID WATERS A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET TO A POINT THAT BEARS N. 83 DEGREES 41' 20" W. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 83 DEGREES 41' 20" W. 149 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING LOT 3, OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN GOVERNMENT LOT 3 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, AND BEING IN CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH EASEMENT DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 25TH, 1974, FILED NOVEMBER 4, 1974, AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 445, PAGE 716, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Citrus County Courthouse. Telephone 352-637-9400 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Inverness, Florida, on August 23, 2011. BETTY STRIFLER, As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ Robert Kirby, As Deputy Clerk

SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff PO BOX 11438, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1439 Telephone: (954) 564-0071

September 22 & 29, 2011. 1183-72954

1424-0929 THCRN Vs. Keller, Ted L. 09-2009-CA-004151 Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 09-2009-CA-004151 Division

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. TED L. KELLER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TED L. KELLER; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; KELLER & ASSOCIATES, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on July 8, 2010, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Citrus County, Florida described as:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 26, OR RIVERHAVEN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 31 THROUGH 53, INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED IN SAID PLAT BY CORRECTED PAGES 37, 51, 52 AND 53, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION #74-61 BY THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1974 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 384, PAGE 306, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND THAT PORTION OF LOTS 42, 43 AND 44 INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: LOT 43, BLOCK 30, OF RIVERHAVEN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 31 THROUGH 53, INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED IN SAID PLAT BY CORRECTED PAGES 37, 51, 52 AND 53, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION #74-61 BY THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1974 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 384, PAGE 306, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 43 IN BLOCK 30 OF SAID PLAT, THENCE S. 64 DEG. 08' 49" W. 219.23 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 43 A DISTANCE OF 23.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S 71 DEG. 24' 19" W. 37.40 FEET, THENCE S. 58 DEG. 07' 59" W. 45.06 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE, THENCE N. 64 DEG. 08' 49" E. ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 81.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND A PORTION OF LOT 42, BLOCK 30, OF RIVERHAVEN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 31 THROUGH 53, INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED IN SAID PLAT BY CORRECTED PAGES 37, 51, 52, AND 53, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION #74-61 BY THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1974 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 384, PAGE 306, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 42 IN BLOCK 30 OF SAID PLAT, SAID POINT BEING THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 43 IN BLOCK 30, THENCE N. 25 DEG 51' 11" W. ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 42 A DISTANCE OF 19.28 FEET, THENCE S. 51 DEG. 22' 59" W. 87.27 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 42, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 43, THENCE N. 64 DEG. 08' 49" E. ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE AND ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 85.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND A PORTION OF LOT 44, BLOCK 30, OR RIVERHAVEN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 31 THROUGH 53, INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED IN SAID PLAT BY CORRECTED PAGES 37, 51, 52, AND 53, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION #74-61 BY THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1974 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 384, PAGE 306, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 43 IN BLOCK 30 OF SAID PLAT, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 44 OF SAID BLOCK 30, THENCE S. 25 DEG. 51' 11" E. ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 44 A DISTANCE OF 3 FEET, THENCE S. 71 DEG. 24' 19" W. 23.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 44, SAID POINT BEING ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 43, THENCE N. 64 DEG. 08' 49" E. ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE AND ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 23.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND PARCEL A, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 42, BLOCK 30, OF RIVERHAVEN VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 31 THROUGH 53, INCLUSIVE AND AS AMENDED IN SAID PLAT BY CORRECTED PAGES 37, 51, 52, AND 53, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION #74-61 BY THE CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 29, 1974 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 384, PAGE 306, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE GO N. 25 DEG. 51' 11" W. ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 42 A DISTANCE OF 19.28 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE N. 25 DEG. 51' 11" W. 57.98 FEET TO THE P.C. OF A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 160 FEET, A DELTA OF 00 DEG. 43' 24" AND A CHORD DISTANCE AND BEARING OF 2.02 FEET N. 25 DEG. 22' 29" W. THENCE GO NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 1.02 FEET, THENCE S. 32 DEG. 44' 47" W. 102.52 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS OF THE HOMOSASSA RIVER, THENCE S. 31 DEG. 09' 17" E. ALONG SAID WATERS 26 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT THAT BEARS S. 51 DEG. 22' 59" W. 87.27 FEET FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 42 IN BLOCK 30, THENCE N. 51 DEG. 22' 59" E. 87.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 5230 RIVERVIEW CIRC., HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, FL 34448; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, of public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the new addition to the New Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450 on October 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2011. BETTY STRIFLER, Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Amy Holmes, Deputy Clerk

Edward B. Pritchard 813-229-0900 x 1309 Kass Shuler P.A., P. O. Box 800, Tampa, FL 33601-0800

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1422-0929 THCRN vs. AMP II-Twin Rivers, LLC 2011-CA-1057 Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, a North Carolina banking corporation, as successor-in-interest to Colonial Bank by asset acquisition from the FDIC as Receiver for Colonial Bank, Plaintiff,

v. AMP II - TWIN RIVERS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, ANDREW STURNER, individually, and STEVEN SAIONTZ, Individually, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of foreclosure in the case of Branch Banking and Trust Company, Plaintiff, v. AMP II - Twin Rivers, LLC, et al.; Defendants, Case No.: 2011-CA-1057, the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida will on October 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the Citrus County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property situated in Citrus County, Florida described as follows:

PARCEL A: (FEE SIMPLE ESTATE) A PARCEL OF FILLED, FORMERLY SUBMERGED LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST ACCORDING TO A PLAT BY MARION ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR LAIRD-JOHNSON AND RANDALL, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1958; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, A DISTANCE OF 102.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 1419.31 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF KINGS BAY EXTENSION (FORMERLY STATE ROAD S-44); THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 1966.80 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 1146.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 64.64 FEET TO A POINT, (CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE BETWEEN SAID POINTS BEING SOUTH 68 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 64.62 FEET); THENCE LEAVING

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SAID CENTERLINE NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 1425.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.11 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE, EXHIBIT "A", AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 720, PAGES 2061 AND 2062, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LANDS A DISTANCE OF 330.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 42.51 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE, ALONG THE SAULT RIVER; THENCE THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES ALONG THE SAULT RIVER: THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 35.86 FEET, NORTH 78 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 24.53 FEET, NORTH 79 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 25.78 FEET, SOUTH 41 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 6.49 FEET, SOUTH 87 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 7.39 FEET, NORTH 64 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 18.20 FEET, NORTH 82 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 17.06 FEET, SOUTH 33 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 6.06 FEET, NORTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 26.85 FEET, NORTH 63 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 5.78 FEET, SOUTH 62 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 14.62 FEET, NORTH 73 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 13.48 FEET, SOUTH 68 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 23.07 FEET, SOUTH 43 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, 21.88 FEET, SOUTH 34 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 11.86 FEET, SOUTH 59 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 4.97 FEET, SOUTH 62 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 12.94 FEET, SOUTH 82 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 22.37 FEET, NORTH 78 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 38.60 FEET, NORTH 78 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 39.14 FEET, NORTH 70 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 31.43 FEET, NORTH 56 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 34.94 FEET, NORTH 55 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 20.09 FEET; NORTH 83 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST 14.51 FEET, NORTH 82 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 15.53 FEET, NORTH 71 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 17.92 FEET, NORTH 61 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 13.87 FEET, NORTH 39 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 22.13 FEET, NORTH 25 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 11.83 FEET, NORTH 26 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 15.34 FEET, NORTH 17 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 53.90 FEET, NORTH 19 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST 58.41 FEET, NORTH 29 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 37.22 FEET, NORTH 49 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 8.39 FEET, NORTH 39 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 22.99 FEET, NORTH 09 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 13.35 FEET, NORTH 24 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 13.53 FEET, NORTH 49 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 9.07 FEET, NORTH 68 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 33.66 FEET, NORTH 38 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 17.52 FEET, NORTH 79 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 10.29 FEET, SOUTH 71 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 7.53 FEET, NORTH 75 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 4.36 FEET, NORTH 56 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 33.39 FEET, NORTH 20 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 25.22 FEET, NORTH 64 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 84.28 FEET, NORTH 64 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 71.84 FEET, SOUTH 49 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 28.79 FEET, SOUTH 14 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 30.87 FEET, SOUTH 08 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 30.96 FEET, SOUTH 17 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 84.33 FEET, SOUTH 17 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 141.29 FEET, NORTH 72 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 21.04 FEET, SOUTH 17 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 5.99 FEET, SOUTH 72 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 51.37 FEET, SOUTH 18 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 17.06 FEET, NORTH 72 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 51.31 FEET, SOUTH 16 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 4.38 FEET, SOUTH 72 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 20.55 FEET, SOUTH 19 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 23.62 FEET, SOUTH 77 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 41.98 FEET, SOUTH 85 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 107.77 FEET, NORTH 49 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST 25.21 FEET, NORTH 17 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 126.30 FEET, NORTH 17 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 96.68 FEET, NORTH 17 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 124.30 FEET, NORTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 9.18 FEET, NORTH 55 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 4.77 FEET, NORTH 53 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 17.12 FEET, NORTH 26 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 10.78 FEET, TO A POINT ON AFORE SAID EAST LINE; THENCE LEAVING SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 425.55 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 79 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 49 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE A DISTANCE OF 45.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE BETWEEN SAID POINTS BEING SOUTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 41.53 FEET).

LESS AND EXCEPT ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL WHICH IS OR MAY HEREAFTER BECOME LOCATED WATERWARD OF THE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER OF SALT RIVER, IT BEING THE EXPRESS INTENT OF THE GRANTOR TO RETAIN AND RESERVE SUCH LANDS WITHIN THE SOVEREIGN OWNERSHIP OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

PARCEL B: (NON EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT ESTATE)

TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER, UPON AND ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AS GRANTOR, AND OSGOOD POINTE MARINE, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION, AS GRANTEE, DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 AND RECORDED MAY 12, 1995 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1079, PAGE 2016, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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PARCEL C: (LEASEHOLD ESTATE)

LEASEHOLD ESTATE AS CREATED BY THAT CERTAIN LEASE AND BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AS LESSOR, AND OSGOOD POINTE MARINE, INC., AS LESSEE, RECORDED MAY 12, 1995 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1079, PAGE 2030, AMENDMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1369, PAGE 2022; MODIFICATION TO CHANGE UPLAND OWNERSHIP RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2096, PAGE 2238, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEMISING FOR A TERM OF YEARS THE FOLLOWING:

A PARCEL OF SUBMERGED SOVEREIGN LAND IN THE SALT RIVER LYING WITHIN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST ACCORDING TO A PLAT BY MARION ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR LAIRD-JOHNSON AND RANDALL, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1958; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, A DISTANCE OF 102.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 1419.31 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF KINGS BAY EXTENSION (FORMERLY STATE ROAD S-44); THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 1966.80 FEET, TO A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCAVE NORTHERLY, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 52 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 1146.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, AND ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 64.64 FEET, TO A POINT, (CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE BETWEEN SAID POINTS BEING SOUTH 68 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 64.62 FEET) THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.11 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH ONE EXHIBIT "A", AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 720, PAGES 2061 AND 2062, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LANDS A DISTANCE OF 330.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE 42.51 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE, CONCAVE EASTERLY, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 79 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 49 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AND ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 45.06 FEET TO A POINT (CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE BETWEEN SAID POINTS BEING NORTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 41.53 FEET); THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EAST LINE NORTH 17 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 425.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE SALT RIVER; THENCE THE FOLLOWING COURSES ALONG SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE, SOUTH 26 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 109.61 FEET, SOUTH 30 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 82.60 FEET, SOUTH 22 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 77.94 FEET, SOUTH 04 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 60.49 FEET, SOUTH 05 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 47.19 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE; THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 41.93 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE A DISTANCE OF 91.96 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 416.53 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE; THENCE THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES ALONG SAID MEAN HIGH WATER LINE, SOUTH 11 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 124.18 FEET, SOUTH 09 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 90.59 FEET, SOUTH 09 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 100.45 FEET, SOUTH 23 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST 64.59 FEET, SOUTH 67 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 10.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY:

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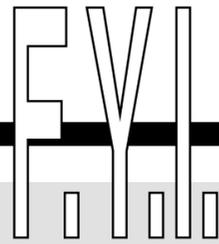
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"Seniors on the Move" offers trips to the community centers, movies, flea markets, libraries, parks, beach, theater, shopping trips and more. For further information, call Sue Carscadden at (352) 527-5959. Seniors on the Move is a program of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center and is sponsored by the Citrus County Senior Foundation.

Dance classes offered Thursdays

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Whatcher

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son's 8-year-old grandson, Herbert, for his contribution at last Friday Morning Coffee. Herbert tired unsuccessfully to explain the Harry Potter movies. He did help some of our seniors open their prescription bottles, though. Herb's parents dropped him off for a two-week stay with his grandmother last June. Ethyl thinks it was an oversight that her son never came to get him. Be sure to check the signup sheet on the bulletin board for shuffleboard and horseshoeing. Unlike last time, these two activities will not be scheduled at the same time. A warning from management that overhand horseshoeing will not be permitted. Management also pointed out that the public address

system in the clubhouse works best if someone remembers to turn it on. Our suspicions were confirmed when we discovered that the thermostat in the clubhouse doesn't work. Management had re-installed the thermostat in a locked storage room because too many seniors kept changing the temperature settings. However, due to the increase in the electric bill caused by extension cords and electric blankets used for bingo night, management has re-installed a new thermostat that is now equipped with a timer. The clubhouse porch dwellers - aka the Jury - gave their collective opinions to anyone who would listen. Some of the topics discussed were at least thought provoking. Seniors love reminiscing about their youth. Some recalled watching a

test pattern on the early televisions. Gas was 23 cents a gallon, mail was delivered twice a day, cars weren't equipped with seat belts and the only things open on Sunday were churches. Families gathered around in the evening, after dishes were washed, to listen to the radio. Baseball was played during the day and broadcast on the radio with nothing but the announcer's voice describing the game, leaving your imagination to visualize it. When the conversation came around to the country's financial mess, a point was made, and for the first time everyone agreed. The point being was that the only thing people bought on credit were cars and homes. Food and gas were paid for in cash. That meant buying what you could afford to pay and need. When someone mentioned buying expensive

flat-screen TVs on credit, the meeting abruptly broke because BayWatch was on. Many of us receive the newspaper that is delivered to our carpools in the morning. The most recent carrier was hospitalized for trauma when a woman, who shall remain nameless, accidentally surprised him. The description given to the police was that of a tall raccoon wearing a mud pack. This isn't the first time reports of weird sightings patrolling the park during the night and early mornings were given to the police. So please, people, dressing comfortably for strolling is one thing, but watch what you wear. Remember, some of us use pacemakers. Complaints were made to management of noise caused by the park maintenance crew mowing lawns. Management told the liaison committee that

they were surprised by the complaints because the noise was inevitable. The committee said that the noise reported was not the normal lawn mowing noise. The mystery was solved when a gasoline powered wheelchair was removed from the pool. Until next month, stay healthy and remember to take your meds. *Larry Elsenheimer and his wife of 41 years, Kathleen, live in Homosassa. Before moving here, they lived five years in a retirement community, where he served as vice president for a year and president for two years of a homeowners association. He also called bingo and was privileged to host Friday morning coffees. It is from his experiences and folks he met that he draws the ideas for the "Whatcher Point Community Newsletter." The names have been changed to prevent lawsuits.*

Pigs in a blanket anyone?

Can you believe Labor Day has come and gone? Hope that means cooler weather will be upon us soon. In case you haven't noticed, it's really, really hot. Now that we've established that, I'm thinking there are more important things to talk about than the weather. For instance, there's me. Yep, let's talk about me some more. I'm really concerned about me. Why, you might ask? Here goes. A few days before Labor Day I sort of found myself hungry for pigs in a blanket. Why I was hungry for such culinary delights, I couldn't tell you. I just was.

Now mind you, I've probably only made this difficult (yea, right) dish about three times in my entire life and I'm sure when I did make them, I made them for important holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. I asked my husband if he would like a few of these delicious appetizers. To that question, he replied, "I don't think so." Anyway, I decided since I was the one hungry for them, I would actually turn on the stove (I do remember this is the first step to actually cooking) and cook them myself. However, before turning on the stove I thought it best for me to purchase the ingredients and, in order to do that, I should think about what the ingredients actually are. Of course, everyone knows for this delicious dish you only need two ingredients (unless you want to add cheese). The first ingredient is cocktail sausages (or cocktail weiners as they are commonly

called). Sausages do sound more sophisticated and Lord knows we are a sophisticated group. I know, I'm digressing here. So, the sausages are the first and one of the most important two main ingredients. Then I would need dough. The dough part led to a discussion with my husband, and I'm not kidding, as to what kind of dough. I knew it was a type of dough that could be found in the refrigerator section of the grocery store, but, honestly, my husband said it was the canned biscuit variety. As with all things that I can't remember these days, I go to the computer and will look up a recipe for Pigs in a Blanket. Did you know there are other dishes with the same name? OK, so moving along here. I

find the recipe I'm looking for and, of course, then it's all coming back to me. Crescent rolls, that's it. So, I need cocktail sausages and crescent rolls. Now I'm ready. As I started cutting the dough into thirds, I realize once again that I don't have a clue as to how to make food look good. It's a challenge for me just to make it taste good. I only purchased one can of dough and one package of sausages. Do you know that makes about 1,000 pigs in a blanket? I'm going to remember that when I'm purchasing my hurricane stash next time. Just one pack of each will last an entire year. One little detail, though. If I have trouble operating an oven, how would I cook on a fire in the yard when the electricity

goes out? I'll worry about that later. The thing is, after all of that, the appetizers were cooked. As it turns out, I wasn't as hungry for them as I thought and since my husband wasn't hungry for them at all, I figure at two a day, I should be finished with them some time around the next millennium. My point is, how could it possibly have taken so much effort to remember exactly how to cook an appetizer with two ingredients? Now ya'll, I really can cook. Just not a bunch of extra stuff. I know good old home cooking. Yes, my husband does do most of the cooking and I do appreciate it. I did cook a lot when those two big old boys of mine were growing up. I just want you to know that. Although, I've often wondered what my sons would answer if asked about their favorite dish their mother



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Information on healthy aging

Growing older comes with its share of uncertainty.

Health issues, managing your finances and finding ways to stay active are all matters of concern. But with the right advice and preparation, you can take some of the worry out of the future. This is Healthy Aging Month, and USA.gov offers these tips and resources for you and your family:

Not sure where to turn for credible advice on health and personal matters as you get older? The National Institute on Aging offers a wealth of information on the aging process. Their publications cover a variety of issues including care-giving, age-related medical concerns, and the importance of planning and decision making.

Finances can cause some degree of insecurity throughout life - and the senior years are no exception. Be sure to know the details behind your savings and pension plans to avoid unwanted surprises, and

know that you're receiving their full benefits.

Medicine can play a significant role in the aging process. Be sure you are using it properly, and are not unknowingly putting yourself at risk for harmful interactions. Also be sure to take all medications at the proper dosage and correct time increments.

Getting older doesn't necessarily mean being less active. Put your knowledge and skills to good use by volunteering - or expand your education.

Healthy aging includes enjoying recreational activities and being able to take advantage of certain benefits that come with getting older - but it's not just about a dollar or two off at the movies. See if you or your loved one is eligible for discounts on Amtrak, or national parks. Also check out tips for making traveling easier as you get older.

Time is the one thing nobody can stop, and certain changes are inevitable as the years move on.

Knowing where to go for information you can trust and what to expect can help you transition to and make the most of later stages of life.

New flu vaccine provides better protection

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that there is a new extra-strength flu vaccine being offered to seniors this year. What can you tell me about it, where can I find it, and does Medicare cover it?

Flu-Conscious Connie

Dear Connie,

The new extra-strength flu vaccination you're inquiring about is called the Fluzone High-Dose, and it's designed specifically for seniors, age 65 years and older. Here's what you should know.

Fluzone High-Dose - Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Inc., the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December 2009, and was first made available last flu season on a limited basis.

The main difference between the Fluzone High-Dose and a regular flu shot is its potency. The High-Dose vaccine contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. This extra protection is particularly helpful to seniors who have weaker immune defenses

and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications. The CDC estimates that the flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 24,000 - 95 percent of whom are seniors.

As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

To locate a vaccination site that offers the Fluzone High-Dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flu.gov for clinics or stores offering flu shots. Then, contact some in your area to see whether they have the High-Dose vaccine. CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Rite Aid and Kroger are among some of the chains offering the High-Dose shot.

You'll also be happy to know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100 percent of the cost of your High-Dose vaccination. But if you're not covered the cost is around \$50 to \$60 - that's about double of what you'd pay for a regular flu shot.

Pneumovax - Another important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors - especially this time of year - is the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine for pneumonia and meningitis (the vaccine is called Pneumovax 23). Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by this vaccine. If you're over age 65 and haven't already gotten this one-time-only shot, you should get it now before flu season hits. Pneumovax 23 is also covered under Medicare Part B, and you can get it on the same day you get your flu shot. If you're not covered by insurance, this vaccine costs around \$75 to \$85 at retail clinics.

This vaccine is also recommended to adults under age 65 if they smoke or have certain chronic conditions like asthma, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes, sickle cell disease, have had their spleen removed, or have a weakened immune system due to cancer, HIV or an organ transplant.

Savvy Tips: In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season are to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you're sick. For more information on the recommended vaccines for older adults see cdc.gov/vaccines.



Jim Miller
SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you write a column on fire safety tips for seniors? With winter approaching, it's important that seniors know that home fires are far more common and deadly among the elderly, but there are things they can do to guard against it. Thanks for your help.

Fire Safety Council

Dear Council,

You're right! Because of physical limitations and slower reaction times, seniors are particularly vulnerable in home fires. In fact, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, seniors over the

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Talk

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cooks? Hmmmm, I'll have to ask them. Or, are some things better left alone?

Don't worry family, I will make sure to hone up on my cooking before the holiday season. Uh oh - it's almost here. Guess I'd better get busy.

One other thing that is just an itty

bitty pet peeve.

Don't you just hate it when a car stops in front of the first gasoline pump at the station instead of pulling on up? That's not enough, oh no, they have to take their time moving.

They fill up, then they leave their car there while they go in the store to use the restroom, buy refreshments, get lotto tickets, comb their hair and put on makeup. They can see you are

waiting. Isn't that aggravating?

Now, you know it is - just had to get that off my chest. I'm feeling better now.

So, let's hope that I just am having a temporary lapse of memory as it pertains to cooking and that the rest of my brain cells are as good as ever. I know, the "good" adjective here might just be subjective as in a matter of opinion.

Depends on whom you ask. I'm sure of that.

At any rate, thanks for listening. Pigs in a blanket, anyone?"

Until next time, remember - "Laughter is the best medicine."

Mary Alice Tillman, executive director at Brentwood Retirement Community in Lecanto, can be reached at mtillman9@tampabay.rr.com.

Upcoming events at community centers

Computer Classes

These are conducted using the Microsoft Operating System, call the center to register and next class date.

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WCCC - Mondays at 2 p.m. Instructor is Dick Bromley

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Rummikub: CCCC - Monday through Friday, Tournament in June

Dancing & Music Social Tea Ballroom Dance

Hosted by DJ Sapphire, \$5 per person, light refreshments

West Citrus - 2 p.m. last Friday of the month

Central Citrus - 1:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Karaoke - **ECCC**: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

WCC: Mondays at noon with Walt and Kay

Musical Entertainment and Social Dances: **WCCC**: Social Dance Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Walt and Kay or Paul Winburn, or Jerry Dawson at 10 a.m.

Country Sunshine Band - third Wednesday of the month at noon

CCCC: True Beginners Step by Step \$3, Instructor Sandy Brown

True Beginners, Beginners & Intermediate classes, \$5 Instructor Linda Heebner-Mondays and Thursdays

Couples Country Doubles Dance Lessons

ECCC: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. \$3 per lesson, Instructor Kathy Reynolds

Tap Dancing Lessons: Sandra Brown instructs all ages

CCCC - Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. \$5 per class

Fun Klogging Class: Marcy Male instructs

WCCC - Beginners, intermediate \$2 per class.

Tap and Jazz Dance Class

WCCC - Joyce Lane teaches all types of dance. \$4 per class

Exercise Programs

Yoga for seniors: **WCCC**: Tuesdays, Thursdays Cost \$7 per class.

Chair Exercises: **WCCC**- Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m.

CCCC - Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m.

ECCC- Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Walking Program: **ECCC** - Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi

WCCC: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. - video

WCCC: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Nancy

Aerobics



Larry Elsenheimer
WATCHER POINT

Another Labor Day has come and gone

This year's Labor Day parade was the smallest one we've had since the beginning of our park.

Due to majorette Freda Willingburger's baton accident that occurred two years ago, the park insurance will no longer cover injuries sustained by parade participants. Several marchers were unaware of the baton ban and wore football helmets anyways. Incidentally, Freda's hip replacement was hardly noticeable as she gracefully led the parade with her decorated walker.

Parade bystanders were disappointed by the length of the parade. Congratulations to water aerobics instructor Bernice Catchkins for best costume. She declined her prize of one week's free use of a carpet cleaner. It was later learned that Bernice was actually on her way to the swimming pool and had forgotten all about the parade.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed the potluck banquet at the clubhouse. A special thank you goes out to whoever brought the corn off the cob dish.

Especially from those of us who wear dentures.

We realize that many of the wives in our park were used to cooking large quantities of food for their families before moving here, but 22 pounds of baked beans was more than our seniors could handle. Except for the beans, a measure of how successful the dinner was is that there were no leftovers.

We'd like to thank Ethyl Parker-

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Senior fitness

Elbow extensions

TARGETED MUSCLES

Upper arm (biceps)

WHAT YOU NEED

Hand-held weights or household items (soup cans, bottles of water)

TIP: As you progress, use a heavier weight and alternate arms until you can lift the weight comfortably with both arms.

This exercise will strengthen your upper arms. If your shoulders aren't flexible enough to do this exercise, try the Chair Dip.

You can do this exercise while standing or sitting in a sturdy, armless chair.

- Keep your feet flat on the floor, shoulder-width apart. Hold weight in one hand with palm facing inward. Raise that arm toward ceiling.
- Support this arm below elbow with other hand. Breathe in slowly.
- Slowly bend raised arm at elbow and bring weight toward shoulder.
- Hold position for one second.
- Breathe out and slowly straighten your arm over your head. Be careful not to lock your elbow.
- Repeat 10-15 times.
- Repeat 10-15 times with other arm.
- Repeat 10-15 more times with each arm.

TIP

As you progress, use a heavier weight and alternate arms until you can lift the weight comfortably with both arms.

For more information about this and many more exercises go to go4life.niapublications.org/try-these-exercises



Chair dip

TARGETED MUSCLES

Upper arm (biceps)

WHAT YOU NEED

Hand-held weights or household items (soup cans, bottles of water)

TIP: As you progress, use a heavier weight and alternate arms until you can lift the weight comfortably with both arms.

This pushing motion will strengthen your arm muscles even if you are not able to lift yourself up off the chair

- Sit in a sturdy chair with armrests with your feet flat on the floor, shoulder-width apart.
- Lean slightly forward; keep your back and shoulders straight.
- Grasp arms of chair with your hands next to you.
- Breathe in slowly.
- Breathe out and use your arms to push your body slowly off the chair.
- Hold position for 1 second.
- Breathe in as you slowly lower yourself back down.
- Repeat 10-15 times.
- Rest; then repeat 10-15 more times.



Amy Kingery
NEWS FROM
SRRMC

The prostate prognosis

Don't ignore an uncomfortable problem

Men probably don't like thinking about their prostates, but it's worth doing once in a while. Problems with the small gland are common in men past the age of 50. The good news is that most prostate conditions can be successfully treated.

For men under 50, the most common prostate problem is prostatitis. It can cause a burning feeling when you urinate or an urge to urinate more often. You might have a fever or just feel tired.

Prostatitis is caused by the prostate becoming inflamed or irritated; some kinds are caused by bacteria. If you have bacterial prostatitis, your doctor can spot it by looking at your urine through a microscope. Bacterial prostatitis can usually be treated with an antibiotic.

But most of the time, there's no clear cause for prostatitis. Researchers have yet to identify a clearly effective treatment when the cause is unknown. You may have to work with your doctor to find a treatment that works for you. Changing your diet or taking warm baths may

Savvy

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age of 65 are twice as likely to die or be injured in a home fire, than those younger. For those over 75, the risk nearly triples. But with a little awareness and a few precautionary tips (see firesafety.gov), seniors can go a long way in protecting their property and themselves.

Fire Hazards

While there are many possible causes of accidental home fires, the three most common among the elderly are caused by smoking, cooking and alternative heating devices. Here's a breakdown of what seniors can do to protect themselves in each of these key areas.

Smoke Safely: Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths and the

second leading cause of injuries among seniors. For those who smoke it's important to remember:

- Never smoke in bed.
- Put your cigarette or cigar out at the first sign of feeling drowsy while watching television or reading.
- Don't leave your lit cigarette or cigar unattended.
- Use deep ashtrays and put your cigarettes all the way out.
- Consider switching to fire-safe cigarettes (firesafecigarettes.org) that self-extinguish when they're not being smoked.

Cook Safely: Home cooking fires are the number one cause of fire injuries among the elderly. Tips that can help include:

- Never leave food cooking on a stove top unattended. When leaving the kitchen, take a wooden spoon or potholder as a reminder to

turn off the oven or burners, or consider installing an automatic stove shut-off device as a safety precaution. Cook-stop.com, homesensors.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com sell them.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing with hanging sleeves when you cook and keep towels and potholders away from flames or burners.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house.

Heat Safely: Alternative heating devices like space heaters, stoves and fireplaces are another potential fire hazard for seniors. Seniors who use these devices should keep these tips in mind:

- If you use a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away and always turn it off when you leave the house or go to sleep.

Also, if you're buying a new space heater, look for one with a safety feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.

- If you use a fireplace that burns wood, be sure you have a glass or metal screen front to catch the flying sparks and rolling logs, and have the chimney flue inspected annually and cleaned if needed.
- If you use a heating device fueled by gas, oil, wood or kerosene, purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors to alert you to potential toxic gas problems.

Home Tips: Around 75 percent of seniors who die in fires each year don't have working smoke alarms in their homes.

Seniors or caregivers should make it a priority to install smoke alarms on every level of their house outside their sleeping area, and change the batteries at least once a year.

It's also important to have an escape plan in the event of a fire.

For seniors who are hearing impaired, companies like Silent Call (silentcall.com) and Harris Communications (harriscomm.com) sell smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that work with flashing strobe lights and bed vibrators to alert you when a problem arises. And, there are also home smoke and fire monitoring services like ADT (adtfireprotection.com) that can alert seniors, caregivers and the fire department if a fire happens.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Batty for buttons

By Taylor Provost
Chronicle correspondent

Numismatists collect coins. Philatelists collect stamps. And Buttonologists – well, they collect buttons.

But not the kind of buttons you keep in your sewing kit for pants and shirts. Collectible buttons can be worth thousands of dollars. They can be made of glass and porcelain and have hand-painted miniature portraits on them. Most importantly, they can hold memories close to their owners the way regular buttons hold garments together.

Connie Robinson of Beverly Hills has been collecting buttons for more than 15 years, and her button collection has to be seen to be believed.

"I have boxes and boxes and boxes and boxes. You wouldn't believe how many buttons I've got," Robinson said, gesturing to a room out of sight, presumably filled to

"I have boxes and boxes and boxes. You wouldn't believe how many buttons I've got."

- Connie Robinson

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Trail

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quently as the group described English food at New Zealand restaurants and English flower gardens in every city. He grew up in England and spent time in Scotland while in the service.

While many people play important roles in the past, present and future of the Withlacoochee Bike Trail, on this day, four people met to relate their adventures and interests that connect them to bicycling and draw them to the trail.

The people of the trail include four directors, four officers, merchandise director, director of an award-winning website, as well as coordinators of programs and many more.

"Many people don't realize that people come to this area just because of the trail," Chris Targas stated. Targas describes their group as like a PTA.

"It's like members of the PTA supporting the school," she explained. The CSO supports the state-owned trail.

"Originally, the plan was to convert the old train track bed into a road to bypass the city of Inverness," Targas said.

"When it was decided to convert it to a bicycle path, the county took the ballast rock from the track bed for use on local

roads and traded it for asphalt with rubber filler to pave the trail."

When Targas first ventured onto the path, it wasn't even paved, but she loved walking. She also loves bicycle touring and rode a tour every weekend. "There aren't as many tours as there used to be," she explained. "It got too expensive for people."

In the near future, Targas is planning to ride the Silver Comet Trail from Atlanta to Jacksonville, Ala. On that ride, she'll pedal 115 miles in two days.

She'll be riding her Canondale R500, the same bike she took to New Zealand.

Targas and others helped develop the annual Rails To Trails bike ride as a fundraiser for the trail because the Withlacoochee trail is special to many people. Tony Wood rides the trail regularly and remembers being chased by wild turkeys. Other riders, who visit the trail daily, have seen deer and wildflowers along the trail. Louis Nipper, in his 80s, donated all of the blue-bird houses along the trail and maintains them. Soon, he'll be adding bat houses.

Features continue to be added; facilities improved. Future plans for the group include purchasing property in Floral City for parking and restroom facilities. Another state park gave the trail the red caboose that can be seen in Inverness. The CSO had to pick it up and bring it to Inverness.

At this year's 17th Annual Rails to Trails ride, to be Oct. 2, everyone contributes in some way.

Wood will be a cook. With a total of four cooks, they will start at 10:30 a.m. and make 1,300 hot dogs. Every rider gets a T-shirt, continental breakfast, lunch and snack stops along the trail. It takes six months of planning to organize the special event that has been held every year since 1994. All of the money raised goes to maintain the 46-mile trail.

The people of the trail include four directors, four officers, merchandise director, director of an award-winning website, as well as coordinators of programs and many more.

They come from diverse backgrounds, but all have a common interest and enthusiasm for bicycling and the Withlacoochee State Trail.



Chris Targas, one of several founders of the Rails To Trails Annual Bike Ride fundraiser, holds a photo of herself taken while enjoying one of her favorite pasttimes - bicycling. This year's ride will be Oct. 2.

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Several members of the Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee Citizen Support Organization gathered recently to reminisce about the enjoyment they find in bicycling and maintaining the trail. From left are: Nancy Purcell, Don Purcell, Chris Targas and Tony Wood.

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to Christchurch, a city on the mountainous south island to begin their three-week bicycle tour.

They never even owned a bicycle until they moved to Florida.

Now, on the first day of their tour, they rode 75 miles after a breakfast of Vegemite on toast. "Vegemite is like beef bullion paste," explained Nancy. "We also had beans with fresh tomatoes and bangers, which is sausage."

Their rides took them past large herds of deer being raised on farms edged with tall hedges instead of fences, seals basking on the jagged rocks along the ocean and glaciers surrounded by water that was brilliant aquamarine in color because it contained glacial liquid minerals. One time they had to stop riding because people were herding sheep down the road.

Chris Targas, former vice president of the CSO, joined them on their most recent bicycling excursion to New Zealand.

"Stuart Island in New Zealand is the closest land mass to the Antarctic," she explained. "We saw penguins and whales. We swam with dolphins." Targas also flipped through page after page of photos and memories from her own scrapbook.

Purcell described a fascinating power plant in Te Anau, New Zealand, that is inside a mountain. "They wanted to be under the lake," he stated.

The diversity of scenery on their bicycling trip seems to have left a great impression on the riders. "They have mountains with 14,000-foot elevation that are snow-capped with ski runs. They also have redwood trees that are as big as our California redwoods. The California redwoods took 200 years to grow that big," Don explained, "but in New Zealand, they reached the same height in only 70 years, because of the climate and soil."

Tony Wood, currently a member of the board of directors of CSO, hails from Staffordshire, England. He nodded fre-

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Time to ride
Oct. 2 - The 17th Annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride takes off on the Withlacoochee State trail beginning at 7 a.m., rain or shine.
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Buttons

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the brim with storage containers full of - what else - buttons. "It's just something that I love. They give me pleasure."

Robinson was a crafter for many years before she started collecting buttons in 1995. She taught porcelain classes for about 40 years, all the while making porcelain dolls—and dresses for dolls.

"I made all the clothes for the dolls and used antique buttons on the doll clothes," Robinson said.

When she first got the Internet in the mid-1990s, she began searching for message boards devoted to crafting, and came across Button Bytes, a virtual button club that is now the largest recognized button club in the world with more than 1,000 members.

"I didn't know anything about (button collecting) before that," Robinson said. "But I was into buttons and I thought, 'Well, this sounds interesting.'"

When it came up in the chat room one day that Robinson was an expert in porcelain crafting, fellow Buttonologists (a name the Button Bytes group came up

with), suggested she become a studio button maker.

So Robinson took the porcelain head from one of her homemade dolls and used the face to create a mold for her first button. When it immediately sold, the Button Bytes group started spreading the word about the latest studio button maker in their midst.

She now has over 400 button molds and takes all kinds of orders for custom buttons, which she makes in her at-home studio. She uses the money from her hobby to fuel her obsession.

"I make my buttons to buy more buttons," she said.

Even her husband has jumped on the button bandwagon, going with Robinson to Button Club meetings in Ocala and collecting his own buttons - mostly military and uniform buttons from the last century.

Robinson understands that it may take people a little while to understand the appeal of buttons, simply because they don't know about the vast world of unique styles and types that are out there.

"I think people are amazed that we collect buttons," she said. "When you say you collect buttons, they say, 'What? What kind? Pin buttons?' No - sewing buttons. We had an open house in Ocala, and people were amazed when they see how many buttons and what they are."

When people do see her button collection, they're immediately drawn to the bright and shiny rhinestone pieces, though they may actually be the least valuable - at least in material worth.

Robinson's sister died of breast cancer several years ago, but before she passed, Robinson had showed her how to look for

collectible buttons on the Internet. Unbeknownst to Robinson, her sister had amassed a large collection of rhinestone buttons, and her husband wanted Robinson to help sell them. He

shipped them from their home state of Connecticut to Robinson's home at the time in Oregon, and she was overwhelmed.

"They weren't (organized), they were just in bags, and I said, 'What am I going to do with these? For a whole year I couldn't bring myself to sell them. But I started dividing them up and found she had, four, five or six of the same button, and I decided I would keep one each of her buttons.'"

Robinson made more than \$2,700 from the sale of her sister's rhinestone buttons, and donated all of it to the American Cancer Society, and put the ones she saved on a card. She doesn't go for such gaudy buttons, but these are different.

"I wouldn't trade them for the world," she said. Because porcelain is her medium, Robinson considers porcelain buttons to be her favorite, but she also loves glass buttons, particularly Leo Poppers, named for a glass designer of the early 1900s. She also loves Victorian antique buttons, some of the oldest and most valuable buttons around. Many depict scenes of fables and nursery rhymes, or tiny hand-painted portraits of Victorian women.

"People are attracted to the bright ones, although they wouldn't know that the other ones are highly collectible until

you get into it," Robinson said.

Before her friends and students fully understand the nature of button collecting, they often give her bags and boxes of craft buttons bought from garage sales or found in attics. These she donates to schools or organizations such as the Key Training Center for projects.

Robinson and her husband would love a Citrus County button club, but can't commit to starting one of their own. She said she worries about the future of button collecting as the members of Button Bytes and in her once-a-month button club in Ocala get older. She puts her faith in one of her daughters, who has a fond appreciation for her mother's massive collection, and in the juniors who come to the button club meetings with their grandparents and great-grandparents.

"The youngest member is 4 and she is absolutely darling," Robinson said. "She comes to the meetings and does her own (collection) cards. The most important thing is getting the young ones interested, and even if they lose interest in their teenage years, I think they'll come back."

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Several members of the Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee Citizen Support Organization gathered recently to reminisce about the enjoyment they find in bicycling and maintaining the trail. From left are: Nancy Purcell, Don Purcell, Chris Targas and Tony Wood.

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to Christchurch, a city on the mountainous south island to begin their three-week bicycle tour.

They never even owned a bicycle until they moved to Florida.

Now, on the first day of their tour, they rode 75 miles after a breakfast of Vegemite on toast. "Vegemite is like beef bullion paste," explained Nancy. "We also had beans with fresh tomatoes and bangers, which is sausage."

Their rides took them past large herds of deer being raised on farms edged with tall hedges instead of fences, seals basking on the jagged rocks along the ocean and glaciers surrounded by water that was brilliant aquamarine in color because it contained glacial liquid minerals. One time they had to stop riding because people were herding sheep down the road.

Chris Targas, former vice president of the CSO, joined them on their most recent bicycling excursion to New Zealand.

"Stuart Island in New Zealand is the closest land mass to the Antarctic," she explained. "We saw penguins and whales. We swam with dolphins." Targas also flipped through page after page of photos and memories from her own scrapbook.

Purcell described a fascinating power plant in Te Anau, New Zealand, that is inside a mountain. "They wanted to be under the lake," he stated.

The diversity of scenery on their bicycling trip seems to have left a great impression on the riders. "They have mountains with 14,000-foot elevation that are snow-capped with ski runs. They also have redwood trees that are as big as our California redwoods. The California redwoods took 200 years to grow that big," Don explained, "but in New Zealand, they reached the same height in only 70 years, because of the climate and soil."

Tony Wood, currently a member of the board of directors of CSO, hails from Staffordshire, England. He nodded fre-

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Time to ride
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Buttons

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the brim with storage containers full of - what else - buttons. "It's just something that I love. They give me pleasure."

Robinson was a crafter for many years before she started collecting buttons in 1995. She taught porcelain classes for about 40 years, all the while making porcelain dolls—and dresses for dolls.

"I made all the clothes for the dolls and used antique buttons on the doll clothes," Robinson said.

When she first got the Internet in the mid-1990s, she began searching for message boards devoted to crafting, and came across Button Bytes, a virtual button club that is now the largest recognized button club in the world with more than 1,000 members.

"I didn't know anything about (button collecting) before that," Robinson said. "But I was into buttons and I thought, 'Well, this sounds interesting.'"

When it came up in the chat room one day that Robinson was an expert in porcelain crafting, fellow Buttonologists (a name the Button Bytes group came up

with), suggested she become a studio button maker.

So Robinson took the porcelain head from one of her homemade dolls and used the face to create a mold for her first button. When it immediately sold, the Button Bytes group started spreading the word about the latest studio button maker in their midst.

She now has over 400 button molds and takes all kinds of orders for custom buttons, which she makes in her at-home studio. She uses the money from her hobby to fuel her obsession.

"I make my buttons to buy more buttons," she said.

Even her husband has jumped on the button bandwagon, going with Robinson to Button Club meetings in Ocala and collecting his own buttons - mostly military and uniform buttons from the last century.

Robinson understands that it may take people a little while to understand the appeal of buttons, simply because they don't know about the vast world of unique styles and types that are out there.

"I think people are amazed that we collect buttons," she said. "When you say you collect buttons, they say, 'What? What kind? Pin buttons?' No - sewing buttons. We had an open house in Ocala, and people were amazed when they see how many buttons and what they are."

When people do see her button collection, they're immediately drawn to the bright and shiny rhinestone pieces, though they may actually be the least valuable - at least in material worth.

Robinson's sister died of breast cancer several years ago, but before she passed, Robinson had showed her how to look for

collectible buttons on the Internet. Unbeknownst to Robinson, her sister had amassed a large collection of rhinestone buttons, and her husband wanted Robinson to help sell them.

He shipped them from their home state of Connecticut to Robinson's home at the time in Oregon, and she was overwhelmed.

"They weren't (organized), they were just in bags, and I said, 'What am I going to do with these? For a whole year I couldn't bring myself to sell them. But I started dividing them up and found she had, four, five or six of the same button, and I decided I would keep one each of her buttons.'"

Robinson made more than \$2,700 from the sale of her sister's rhinestone buttons, and donated all of it to the American Cancer Society, and put the ones she saved on a card. She doesn't go for such gaudy buttons, but these are different.

"I wouldn't trade them for the world," she said. Because porcelain is her medium, Robinson considers porcelain buttons to be her favorite, but she also loves glass buttons, particularly Leo Poppers, named for a glass designer of the early 1900s. She also loves Victorian antique buttons, some of the oldest and most valuable buttons around. Many depict scenes of fables and nursery rhymes, or tiny hand-painted portraits of Victorian women.

"People are attracted to the bright ones, although they wouldn't know that the other ones are highly collectible until



you get into it," Robinson said.

Before her friends and students fully understand the nature of button collecting, they often give her bags and boxes of craft buttons bought from garage sales or found in attics. These she donates to schools or organizations such as the Key Training Center for projects.

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Batty for buttons

By Taylor Provost
Chronicle correspondent

Numismatists collect coins. Philatelists collect stamps. And Buttonologists – well, they collect buttons.

But not the kind of buttons you keep in your sewing kit for pants and shirts. Collectible buttons can be worth thousands of dollars. They can be made of glass and porcelain and have hand-painted miniature portraits on them. Most importantly, they can hold memories close to their owners the way regular buttons hold garments together.

Connie Robinson of Beverly Hills has been collecting buttons for more than 15 years, and her button collection has to be seen to be believed.

"I have boxes and boxes and boxes and boxes. You wouldn't believe how many buttons I've got," Robinson said, gesturing to a room out of sight, presumably filled to

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quently as the group described English food at New Zealand restaurants and English flower gardens in every city. He grew up in England and spent time in Scotland while in the service.

While many people play important roles in the past, present and future of the Withlacoochee Bike Trail, on this day, four people met to relate their adventures and interests that connect them to bicycling and draw them to the trail.

The people of the trail include four directors, four officers, merchandise director, director of an award-winning website, as well as coordinators of programs and many more.

"Many people don't realize that people come to this area just because of the trail," Chris Targas stated. Targas describes their group as like a PTA.

"It's like members of the PTA supporting the school," she explained. The CSO supports the state-owned trail.

"Originally, the plan was to convert the old train track bed into a road to bypass the city of Inverness," Targas said.

"When it was decided to convert it to a bicycle path, the county took the ballast rock from the track bed for use on local

roads and traded it for asphalt with rubber filler to pave the trail."

When Targas first ventured onto the path, it wasn't even paved, but she loved walking. She also loves bicycle touring and rode a tour every weekend. "There aren't as many tours as there used to be," she explained. "It got too expensive for people."

In the near future, Targas is planning to ride the Silver Comet Trail from Atlanta to Jacksonville, Ala. On that ride, she'll pedal 115 miles in two days.

She'll be riding her Canondale R500, the same bike she took to New Zealand.

Targas and others helped develop the annual Rails To Trails bike ride as a fundraiser for the trail because the Withlacoochee trail is special to many people. Tony Wood rides the trail regularly and remembers being chased by wild turkeys. Other riders, who visit the trail daily, have seen deer and wildflowers along the trail. Louis Nipper, in his 80s, donated all of the blue-bird houses along the trail and maintains them. Soon, he'll be adding bat houses.

Features continue to be added; facilities improved. Future plans for the group include purchasing property in Floral City for parking and restroom facilities. Another state park gave the trail the red caboose that can be seen in Inverness. The CSO had to pick it up and bring it to Inverness.

At this year's 17th Annual Rails to Trails ride, to be Oct. 2, everyone contributes in some way. Wood will be a cook. With a total of four cooks, they will start at 10:30 a.m. and make 1,300 hot dogs. Every rider gets a T-shirt, continental breakfast, lunch and snack stops along the trail. It takes six months of planning to organize the special event that has been held every year since 1994. All of the money raised goes to maintain the 46-mile trail.

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They come from diverse backgrounds, but all have a common interest and enthusiasm for bicycling and the Withlacoochee State Trail.



Chris Targas, one of several founders of the Rails To Trails Annual Bike Ride fundraiser, holds a photo of herself taken while enjoying one of her favorite pastimes - bicycling. This year's ride will be Oct. 2.

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TARGETED MUSCLES

Upper arm (biceps)

WHAT YOU NEED

Hand-held weights or household items (soup cans, bottles of water)

TIP: As you progress, use a heavier weight and alternate arms until you can lift the weight comfortably with both arms.

This exercise will strengthen your upper arms. If your shoulders aren't flexible enough to do this exercise, try the Chair Dip.

You can do this exercise while standing or sitting in a sturdy, armless chair.

- Keep your feet flat on the floor, shoulder-width apart. Hold weight in one hand with palm facing inward. Raise that arm toward ceiling.
- Support this arm below elbow with other hand. Breathe in slowly.
- Slowly bend raised arm at elbow and bring weight toward shoulder.
- Hold position for one second.
- Breathe out and slowly straighten your arm over your head. Be careful not to lock your elbow.
- Repeat 10-15 times.
- Repeat 10-15 times with other arm.
- Repeat 10-15 more times with each arm.

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This pushing motion will strengthen your arm muscles even if you are not able to lift yourself up off the chair

- Sit in a sturdy chair with armrests with your feet flat on the floor, shoulder-width apart.
- Lean slightly forward; keep your back and shoulders straight.
- Grasp arms of chair with your hands next to you.
- Breathe in slowly.
- Breathe out and use your arms to push your body slowly off the chair.
- Hold position for 1 second.
- Breathe in as you slowly lower yourself back down.
- Repeat 10-15 times.
- Rest; then repeat 10-15 more times.



Amy Kingery
NEWS FROM
SRRMC

The prostate prognosis

Don't ignore an uncomfortable problem

Men probably don't like thinking about their prostates, but it's worth doing once in a while. Problems with the small gland are common in men past the age of 50. The good news is that most prostate conditions can be successfully treated.

For men under 50, the most common prostate problem is prostatitis. It can cause a burning feeling when you urinate or an urge to urinate more often. You might have a fever or just feel tired.

Prostatitis is caused by the prostate becoming inflamed or irritated; some kinds are caused by bacteria. If you have bacterial prostatitis, your doctor can spot it by looking at your urine through a microscope. Bacterial prostatitis can usually be treated with an antibiotic.

But most of the time, there's no clear cause for prostatitis. Researchers have yet to identify a clearly effective treatment when the cause is unknown. You may have to work with your doctor to find a treatment that works for you. Changing your diet or taking warm baths may

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age of 65 are twice as likely to die or be injured in a home fire, than those younger. For those over 75, the risk nearly triples. But with a little awareness and a few precautionary tips (see firesafety.gov), seniors can go a long way in protecting their property and themselves.

Fire Hazards

While there are many possible causes of accidental home fires, the three most common among the elderly are caused by smoking, cooking and alternative heating devices. Here's a breakdown of what seniors can do to protect themselves in each of these key areas.

Smoke Safely: Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths and the

second leading cause of injuries among seniors. For those who smoke it's important to remember:

- Never smoke in bed.
- Put your cigarette or cigar out at the first sign of feeling drowsy while watching television or reading.
- Don't leave your lit cigarette or cigar unattended.
- Use deep ashtrays and put your cigarettes all the way out.
- Consider switching to fire-safe cigarettes (firesafecigarettes.org) that self-extinguish when they're not being smoked.

Cook Safely: Home cooking fires are the number one cause of fire injuries among the elderly. Tips that can help include:

- Never leave food cooking on a stove top unattended. When leaving the kitchen, take a wooden spoon or potholder as a reminder to

turn off the oven or burners, or consider installing an automatic stove shut-off device as a safety precaution. Cook-stop.com, homesensors.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com sell them.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing with hanging sleeves when you cook and keep towels and potholders away from flames or burners.
- Never use the range or oven to heat your home.
- Double-check the kitchen before you go to bed or leave the house.

Heat Safely: Alternative heating devices like space heaters, stoves and fireplaces are another potential fire hazard for seniors. Seniors who use these devices should keep these tips in mind:

- If you use a space heater, keep anything that can burn at least three feet away and always turn it off when you leave the house or go to sleep.

Also, if you're buying a new space heater, look for one with a safety feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.

- If you use a fireplace that burns wood, be sure you have a glass or metal screen front to catch the flying sparks and rolling logs, and have the chimney flue inspected annually and cleaned if needed.
- If you use a heating device fueled by gas, oil, wood or kerosene, purchase and install carbon monoxide detectors to alert you to potential toxic gas problems.

Home Tips: Around 75 percent of seniors who die in fires each year don't have working smoke alarms in their homes.

Seniors or caregivers should make it a priority to install smoke alarms on every level of their house outside their sleeping area, and change the batteries at least once a year.

It's also important to have an escape plan in the event of a fire.

For seniors who are hearing impaired, companies like Silent Call (silentcall.com) and Harris Communications (harriscomm.com) sell smoke and carbon monoxide detectors that work with flashing strobe lights and bed vibrators to alert you when a problem arises. And, there are also home smoke and fire monitoring services like ADT (adtfireprotection.com) that can alert seniors, caregivers and the fire department if a fire happens.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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NEWS FOR CONSUMERS

Information on healthy aging

Growing older comes with its share of uncertainty.

Health issues, managing your finances and finding ways to stay active are all matters of concern. But with the right advice and preparation, you can take some of the worry out of the future. This is Healthy Aging Month, and USA.gov offers these tips and resources for you and your family:

Not sure where to turn for credible advice on health and personal matters as you get older? The National Institute on Aging offers a wealth of information on the aging process. Their publications cover a variety of issues including care-giving, age-related medical concerns, and the importance of planning and decision making.

Finances can cause some degree of insecurity throughout life - and the senior years are no exception. Be sure to know the details behind your savings and pension plans to avoid unwanted surprises, and

know that you're receiving their full benefits.

Medicine can play a significant role in the aging process. Be sure you are using it properly, and are not unknowingly putting yourself at risk for harmful interactions. Also be sure to take all medications at the proper dosage and correct time increments.

Getting older doesn't necessarily mean being less active. Put your knowledge and skills to good use by volunteering - or expand your education.

Healthy aging includes enjoying recreational activities and being able to take advantage of certain benefits that come with getting older - but it's not just about a dollar or two off at the movies. See if you or your loved one is eligible for discounts on Amtrak, or national parks. Also check out tips for making traveling easier as you get older.

Time is the one thing nobody can stop, and certain changes are inevitable as the years move on.

Knowing where to go for information you can trust and what to expect can help you transition to and make the most of later stages of life.

New flu vaccine provides better protection

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've read that there is a new extra-strength flu vaccine being offered to seniors this year. What can you tell me about it, where can I find it, and does Medicare cover it?

Flu-Conscious Connie

Dear Connie,

The new extra-strength flu vaccination you're inquiring about is called the Fluzone High-Dose, and it's designed specifically for seniors, age 65 years and older. Here's what you should know.

Fluzone High-Dose - Manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur Inc., the Fluzone High-Dose vaccine was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December 2009, and was first made available last flu season on a limited basis.

The main difference between the Fluzone High-Dose and a regular flu shot is its potency. The High-Dose vaccine contain four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. This extra protection is particularly helpful to seniors who have weaker immune defenses

and have a great risk of developing dangerous flu complications. The CDC estimates that the flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 24,000 - 95 percent of whom are seniors.

As with all flu vaccines, Fluzone High-Dose is not recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

To locate a vaccination site that offers the Fluzone High-Dose, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flu.gov for clinics or stores offering flu shots. Then, contact some in your area to see whether they have the High-Dose vaccine.

CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Rite Aid and Kroger are among some of the chains offering the High-Dose shot. You'll also be happy to know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary, Part B will cover 100 percent of the cost of your High-Dose vaccination. But if you're not covered the cost is around \$50 to \$60 - that's about double of what you'd pay for a regular flu shot.

Pneumovax - Another important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors - especially this time of year - is the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine for pneumonia and meningitis (the vaccine is called Pneumovax 23). Pneumonia causes more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, many of which could be prevented by this vaccine. If you're over age 65 and haven't already gotten this one-time-only shot, you should get it now before flu season hits. Pneumovax 23 is also covered under Medicare Part B, and you can get it on the same day you get your flu shot. If you're not covered by insurance, this vaccine costs around \$75 to \$85 at retail clinics.

This vaccine is also recommended to adults under age 65 if they smoke or have certain chronic conditions like asthma, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, diabetes, sickle cell disease, have had their spleen removed, or have a weakened immune system due to cancer, HIV or an organ transplant.

Savvy Tips: In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season are to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you're sick. For more information on the recommended vaccines for older adults see cdc.gov/vaccines.



Jim Miller
SAVVY SENIOR

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you write a column on fire safety tips for seniors? With winter approaching, it's important that seniors know that home fires are far more common and deadly among the elderly, but there are things they can do to guard against it. Thanks for your help.

Fire Safety Council

Dear Council,

You're right! Because of physical limitations and slower reaction times, seniors are particularly vulnerable in home fires. In fact, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, seniors over the

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Talk

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cooks? Hmmmm, I'll have to ask them. Or, are some things better left alone?

Don't worry family, I will make sure to hone up on my cooking before the holiday season. Uh oh - it's almost here. Guess I'd better get busy.

One other thing that is just an itty

bitty pet peeve.

Don't you just hate it when a car stops in front of the first gasoline pump at the station instead of pulling on up? That's not enough, oh no, they have to take their time moving.

They fill up, then they leave their car there while they go in the store to use the restroom, buy refreshments, get lotto tickets, comb their hair and put on makeup. They can see you are

waiting. Isn't that aggravating?

Now, you know it is - just had to get that off my chest. I'm feeling better now.

So, let's hope that I just am having a temporary lapse of memory as it pertains to cooking and that the rest of my brain cells are as good as ever. I know, the "good" adjective here might just be subjective as in a matter of opinion.

Depends on whom you ask. I'm sure of that.

At any rate, thanks for listening. Pigs in a blanket, anyone?"

Until next time, remember - "Laughter is the best medicine."

Mary Alice Tillman, executive director at Brentwood Retirement Community in Lecanto, can be reached at mtillman9@tampabay.rr.com.

Upcoming events at community centers

Computer Classes

These are conducted using the Microsoft Operating System, call the center to register and next class date.

If you have a laptop, you may use it for the class, please let us know when you are registering.

Introduction to the Computer: A class for the beginner that will take you through the Windows Operating System, word processing, internet activity and emailing. \$25

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WCCC - Mondays at 2 p.m. Instructor is Dick Bromley

CCCC - Fridays - 2 p.m. Instructor is Dick Bromley.

Advanced Computer: **CCCC** - Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Instructor is Dick Bromley. \$25 for five week session.

Sign Language Classes

Instructor for all classes is Sue Paulus. Cost is \$35 for 8 weeks.

Call East Citrus, West Citrus or Central Centers to register. The classes are Introduction to American Sign Language, Basic Sign Language, and American Sign Language I & II. Home School Students class at Central Citrus

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Citrus and West Citrus **WCCC**: Pool Lessons w/Ron at 2 p.m. on Mondays. Women's pool lessons at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays

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Rummikub: CCCC - Monday through Friday, Tournament in June

Dancing & Music Social Tea Ballroom Dance Hosted by DJ Sapphire, \$5 per person, light refreshments

West Citrus - 2 p.m. last Friday of the month Central Citrus - 1:30 p.m. second Wednesday of the month

Karaoke - **ECCC**: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. **WCC**: Mondays at noon with Walt and Kay

Musical Entertainment and Social Dances: **WCCC**: Social Dance Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Walt and Kay or Paul Winburn, or Jerry Dawson at 10 a.m. Country Sunshine Band - third Wednesday of the month at noon

ECCC: Country Sunshine Classic Country Band on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jaime Roldan Entertains - first Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Guy and Pam Smith- Country and Western Music - first and third Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

CCCC- Jaime Rolan entertains - last Thursday of the month Ballroom Dance Lessons: June Queripel instructors

CCCC: Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. Beginners and 2:45 p.m. Advanced. \$5 per person per class.

WCCC: Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Beginners Class \$5 per person per class Line Dancing: **ECCC**: Beginners & Intermediate classes \$3 a class.

WCCC: Beginners & Intermediate classes \$3 a class. **Billiards**: offered at Central Citrus, East

CCCC: True Beginners Step by Step \$3, Instructor Sandy Brown True Beginners, Beginners & Intermediate classes, \$5 Instructor Linda Heebner- Mondays and Thursdays

Couples Country Doubles Dance Lessons **ECCC**: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. \$3 per lesson, Instructor Kathy Reynolds Tap Dancing Lessons: Sandra Brown instructs all ages

CCCC - Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. \$5 per class **Fun Klogging Class**: Marcy Male instructs

WCCC - Beginners, intermediate \$2 per class. **Tap and Jazz Dance Class**

WCCC - Joyce Lane teaches all types of dance. \$4 per class **Exercise Programs**

Yoga for seniors: **WCCC**: Tuesdays, Thursdays Cost \$7 per class. **Chair Exercises**: **WCCC**- Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m.

CCCC - Monday through Friday at 10:15 a.m. **ECCC**- Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Walking Program: **ECCC** - Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **Tai Chi** **CCCC**: Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. - video **WCCC**: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. with Nancy

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Nature Coast Carvers Meet Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. **Art Classes** - Thursdays at 10 a.m. - call to register

WCCC: Craft Time Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Art Classes all kinds Wednesday 10:30 a.m. \$10

Call Centers for more information,



Larry Elsenheimer
WATCHER POINT

Another Labor Day has come and gone

This year's Labor Day parade was the smallest one we've had since the beginning of our park.

Due to majorette Freda Willingburger's baton accident that occurred two years ago, the park insurance will no longer cover injuries sustained by parade participants. Several marchers were unaware of the baton ban and wore football helmets anyways. Incidentally, Freda's hip replacement was hardly noticeable as she gracefully led the parade with her decorated walker.

Parade bystanders were disappointed by the length of the parade. Congratulations to water aerobics instructor Bernice Catchkins for best costume. She declined her prize of one week's free use of a carpet cleaner. It was later learned that Bernice was actually on her way to the swimming pool and had forgotten all about the parade.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed the potluck banquet at the clubhouse. A special thank you goes out to whoever brought the corn off the cob dish.

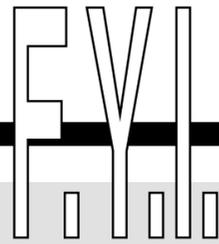
Especially from those of us who wear dentures.

We realize that many of the wives in our park were used to cooking large quantities of food for their families before moving here, but 22 pounds of baked beans was more than our seniors could handle. Except for the beans, a measure of how successful the dinner was is that there were no leftovers.

We'd like to thank Ethyl Parker-

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Yoga offered at canning center

Citrus County Parks & Recreation offers yoga with Laura Boetto from 10 and 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Canning Center in Lecanto. Yoga improves flexibility and balance, increases energy, strengthens and tones muscles and reduces stress. Cost is \$6 per class; \$20 monthly. No pre-registration required. For more information, visit www.citruscountyparks.com or call (352) 465-7007.

Head outdoors with Ramblers

Nature Coast Ramblers is an outdoor activity club of friendly people of all ages who enjoy self-paced hiking or walking, biking and kayaking activities in the Citrus County area. The club is associated with the American Volkssport Association (AVA). Visit the website at www.nature-coastramblers.org or call Karl at (352) 344-1531.

Center has 'seniors on the move'

"Seniors on the Move" offers trips to the community centers, movies, flea markets, libraries, parks, beach, theater, shopping trips and more. For further information, call Sue Carscadden at (352) 527-5959. Seniors on the Move is a program of the Nature Coast Volunteer Center and is sponsored by the Citrus County Senior Foundation.

Dance classes offered Thursdays

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 preregister. Call the office at (352) 746-4882 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Club offers weekly Zumba lessons

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Whatcher

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son's 8-year-old grandson, Herbert, for his contribution at last Friday Morning Coffee. Herbert tired unsuccessfully to explain the Harry Potter movies. He did help some of our seniors open their prescription bottles, though. Herb's parents dropped him off for a two-week stay with his grandmother last June. Ethyl thinks it was an oversight that her son never came to get him. Be sure to check the signup sheet on the bulletin board for shuffleboard and horseshoeing. Unlike last time, these two activities will not be scheduled at the same time. A warning from management that overhand horseshoeing will not be permitted. Management also pointed out that the public address

system in the clubhouse works best if someone remembers to turn it on. Our suspicions were confirmed when we discovered that the thermostat in the clubhouse doesn't work. Management had re-installed the thermostat in a locked storage room because too many seniors kept changing the temperature settings. However, due to the increase in the electric bill caused by extension cords and electric blankets used for bingo night, management has re-installed a new thermostat that is now equipped with a timer. The clubhouse porch dwellers - aka the Jury - gave their collective opinions to anyone who would listen. Some of the topics discussed were at least thought provoking. Seniors love reminiscing about their youth. Some recalled watching a

test pattern on the early televisions. Gas was 23 cents a gallon, mail was delivered twice a day, cars weren't equipped with seat belts and the only things open on Sunday were churches. Families gathered around in the evening, after dishes were washed, to listen to the radio. Baseball was played during the day and broadcast on the radio with nothing but the announcer's voice describing the game, leaving your imagination to visualize it. When the conversation came around to the country's financial mess, a point was made, and for the first time everyone agreed. The point being was that the only thing people bought on credit were cars and homes. Food and gas were paid for in cash. That meant buying what you could afford to pay and need. When someone mentioned buying expensive

flat-screen TVs on credit, the meeting abruptly broke because BayWatch was on. Many of us receive the newspaper that is delivered to our carpools in the morning. The most recent carrier was hospitalized for trauma when a woman, who shall remain nameless, accidentally surprised him. The description given to the police was that of a tall raccoon wearing a mud pack. This isn't the first time reports of weird sightings patrolling the park during the night and early mornings were given to the police. So please, people, dressing comfortably for strolling is one thing, but watch what you wear. Remember, some of us use pacemakers. Complaints were made to management of noise caused by the park maintenance crew mowing lawns. Management told the liaison committee that

they were surprised by the complaints because the noise was inevitable. The committee said that the noise reported was not the normal lawn mowing noise. The mystery was solved when a gasoline powered wheelchair was removed from the pool. Until next month, stay healthy and remember to take your meds. *Larry Elsenheimer and his wife of 41 years, Kathleen, live in Homosassa. Before moving here, they lived five years in a retirement community, where he served as vice president for a year and president for two years of a homeowners association. He also called bingo and was privileged to host Friday morning coffees. It is from his experiences and folks he met that he draws the ideas for the "Whatcher Point Community Newsletter." The names have been changed to prevent lawsuits.*

Pigs in a blanket anyone?

Can you believe Labor Day has come and gone? Hope that means cooler weather will be upon us soon. In case you haven't noticed, it's really, really hot. Now that we've established that, I'm thinking there are more important things to talk about than the weather. For instance, there's me. Yep, let's talk about me some more. I'm really concerned about me. Why, you might ask? Here goes. A few days before Labor Day I sort of found myself hungry for pigs in a blanket. Why I was hungry for such culinary delights, I couldn't tell you. I just was.

Now mind you, I've probably only made this difficult (yea, right) dish about three times in my entire life and I'm sure when I did make them, I made them for important holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. I asked my husband if he would like a few of these delicious appetizers. To that question, he replied, "I don't think so." Anyway, I decided since I was the one hungry for them, I would actually turn on the stove (I do remember this is the first step to actually cooking) and cook them myself. However, before turning on the stove I thought it best for me to purchase the ingredients and, in order to do that, I should think about what the ingredients actually are. Of course, everyone knows for this delicious dish you only need two ingredients (unless you want to add cheese). The first ingredient is cocktail sausages (or cocktail weiners as they are commonly

called). Sausages do sound more sophisticated and Lord knows we are a sophisticated group. I know, I'm digressing here. So, the sausages are the first and one of the most important two main ingredients. Then I would need dough. The dough part led to a discussion with my husband, and I'm not kidding, as to what kind of dough. I knew it was a type of dough that could be found in the refrigerator section of the grocery store, but, honestly, my husband said it was the canned biscuit variety. As with all things that I can't remember these days, I go to the computer and will look up a recipe for Pigs in a Blanket. Did you know there are other dishes with the same name? OK, so moving along here. I

find the recipe I'm looking for and, of course, then it's all coming back to me. Crescent rolls, that's it. So, I need cocktail sausages and crescent rolls. Now I'm ready. As I started cutting the dough into thirds, I realize once again that I don't have a clue as to how to make food look good. It's a challenge for me just to make it taste good. I only purchased one can of dough and one package of sausages. Do you know that makes about 1,000 pigs in a blanket? I'm going to remember that when I'm purchasing my hurricane stash next time. Just one pack of each will last an entire year. One little detail, though. If I have trouble operating an oven, how would I cook on a fire in the yard when the electricity

goes out? I'll worry about that later. The thing is, after all of that, the appetizers were cooked. As it turns out, I wasn't as hungry for them as I thought and since my husband wasn't hungry for them at all, I figure at two a day, I should be finished with them some time around the next millennium. My point is, how could it possibly have taken so much effort to remember exactly how to cook an appetizer with two ingredients? Now ya'll, I really can cook. Just not a bunch of extra stuff. I know good old home cooking. Yes, my husband does do most of the cooking and I do appreciate it. I did cook a lot when those two big old boys of mine were growing up. I just want you to know that. Although, I've often wondered what my sons would answer if asked about their favorite dish their mother



Mary Alice Tillman
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for details regarding documentation. Call the listed instructor to register:

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 help. No single solution works for everyone. For men over 50, the most common prostate problem is prostate enlargement, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). The prostate naturally

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grows larger as you get older. As it grows, it squeezes the urethra. The pressure affects bladder control. Several treatments are available for BPH, in-

cluding medicines that can shrink or relax the prostate to keep it from blocking the bladder opening and devices that allow doctors to remove parts of the prostate without major surgery. The procedures can usually be done in a hospital without an overnight stay.

The symptoms of prostate cancer, in which cancer cells form in the tissues of the prostate, can be similar to those of BPH. However, most of the time patients are diagnosed after results from a blood test prompt a prostate biopsy.

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