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## NEWS BRIEF

### City council to meet today

The Crystal River City Council is having a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, to discuss the city's possible response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's manatee-protection rule for King's Bay.

The federal agency has proposed reducing the entire King's Bay to year-round slow speed as a way to protect manatees from harm. City officials say that will hurt the local economy during the summer months when recreational boaters use the bay.

Also Wednesday, Mayor Jim Farley will give the council an update on his presentation to the Citrus County Legislative Delegation.

—From staff reports

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# Storms bring heavy rain, wind

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida's wet weather is expected to continue through Wednesday with severe thunderstorms, high wind gusts and possible flooding that could snarl traffic and leave residents reaching for umbrellas.

Citrus County residents can expect wind and some fast-moving showers.

"We're looking for some pretty strong winds out of the northwest," Diane Kacmarik, meteorologist for Bay News 9, said about Wednesday's forecast for

Citrus. "We'll still see some fast-moving showers — this will be from behind the front. For Thursday, maybe a stray shower, but the winds will really calm down by Thursday. Our temperatures are going to be a lot lower. That will be the big talk."

A disorganized low pressure system off the Gulf of Mexico is expected to merge with a rapidly moving cold front Tuesday night, forecasters said, bringing heavy rains and, potentially, isolated tornadoes for most

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Associated Press

Strong winds, heavy rains and dark clouds left the beach empty and red flags flying on a life guard station, warning people of extreme water hazards Tuesday in Hollywood Beach.

# Judge to decide CMH case

MIKE WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE — It's a matter of detail, but one that could determine the future of Citrus Memorial Health System.

Is the Citrus Memorial Foundation a private company with a contract to operate the hospital? If so, its attorneys argue, the state can't pass a law that interferes with the contract.

Or is the foundation acting as a government agency, since its contract is with the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees to operate a public hospital? If so, the attorneys for trustees say, it doesn't have the right to challenge a state law.

Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge Jackie Fulford will choose a winner in the coming weeks following a three-hour court hearing

during which even Fulford seemed to suggest the hospital case is unique.

"Case law doesn't cover it," she said.

The foundation is suing to overturn a state law that shifts oversight of the hospital to the board of trustees. The foundation argues it has a contract with the trustees to operate the hospital and the law interferes with that contract by changing oversight.

Trustees say the foundation is not actually harmed by the law and that it acts as an agency of the public board.

Each side asked Fulford to rule in its favor. Tuesday's hearing was the final one in the case; Fulford cancelled an Oct. 27 non-jury trial.

Foundation attorney Gary Sasso said trustees set up the contractual arrangement with the foundation in 1989 so that hospital employees would not be covered by the Florida Retirement System. The contract would also allow the foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, to enter into contracts and partnerships that the trustees could not do.

Sasso said that arrangement has worked well for 20-plus years. Now trustees want to dismantle the contract because they want control of the hospital.

"The elephant in the living room is the basis for this relationship is contractual," Sasso said.

Trustees' attorney Barry Richard countered by saying the foundation acknowledged its sole purpose was to operate a public hospital in receiving sovereign immunity status from the state. Richard pointed to several examples where foundation attorneys said the foundation's only purpose was to operate the public hospital.

Now the foundation wants to hide from that designation to avoid the law taking effect, Richard said.

Both sides presented many examples of case law to back their claim.

Fulford, however, sensed that the CMH case is separate because the trustees

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# Road work ahead



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Workers from Pave-Rite Construction use a backhoe to separate asphalt from concrete and metal so the debris can be loaded and taken away from the Tompkins Street project in Inverness. The phase II portion of the project is taking longer than expected, but city officials promise it will be worth it.

## Tompkins Street project behind schedule but moving forward

NANCY KENNEDY  
Staff Writer

INVERNESS — Yes, it's annoying and inconvenient taking the detours around Tompkins Street.

Yes, the reconstruction project is taking longer than expected.

But it will be worth it, promise city officials.

Phase II of the Tompkins Street \$1.3 million upgrade, which involves widening the lanes, creating a bicycle path and traffic-calming landscaped medians, should be finished by Christmas, said Katie Cottrell, director of public works.

Once this section of the street, from Cherry Avenue west to Ella Avenue is completed, the historic roadway will not only be a traffic reliever for State Road 44, but it will look pretty, too.

"These jobs in the old section of town usually get a slow start because you never know what's down there (under the street) until you

start digging," Cottrell said.

They found cast iron water pipes from back in the early 1900s that weren't deep enough for today's construction standards and had to be replaced.

That was the first delay. Then came a few days of rainy weather and a wait until Progress Energy completed a project in Crystal River before they could move existing power poles out of the way before new sidewalks could go in on Tompkins.

"Once you get the utilities done, it flies along," Cottrell said.

If all goes according to schedule, new street lighting should begin by mid-November, landscaping and new signage started by the second week of December and the road asphalted and paved by mid-December.

Ken Koch, director of development services, said the Tompkins

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The Tompkins Street construction project closest to the city has been completed for a couple of years, making it one of the roads often used to divert traffic off State Road 44 where it is most congested. Phase II will open the other end of the street, making access to U.S. 41 a less dangerous undertaking.

# Presidential hopefuls face off in Nev.

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Republican presidential contenders attacked upstart Herman Cain's economic plan Tuesday night as a tax increase waiting to happen, moving swiftly in campaign debate to blunt the former businessman's unlikely rise in the race for the party's nomination.

Old animosities also flared anew as former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Texas Gov. Rick Perry swapped biting personal criticisms. "You have a problem letting other people continue speaking," Romney lectured his rival as the two men interrupted one another repeatedly.

Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota led the verbal assault on Cain moments after the debate began, saying his call for a 9 percent federal sales tax would only be the beginning, with the rate rising later.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum wasn't nearly as gentle, citing one analysis that found that taxes would go up for 84 percent of the nation's households if Cain's proposal went into effect. "We're talking about major increases in taxes," he said, adding that a single person and a couple with children with the same income would pay the same tax under Cain's proposal.

Undeterred, Cain in-

sisted the charges were untrue. He said he was being criticized because lobbyists, accountants and others "want to continue to be able to manipulate the American people with a 10-million-word mess," the current tax code.

Cain's proposal is for a 9 percent personal income tax, a 9 percent corporate tax and a 9 percent national sales tax.

The former pizza company CEO is the latest and unlikeliest phenomenon in the race to pick a rival for President Barack Obama. A black man in a party that draws few votes from African Americans, he had bumped along with little notice as Romney sought to

fend off one fast-rising rival after another.

That all changed in the past few weeks, after Perry burst into the race and then fell back in the polls. However unlikely Cain's rise, Tuesday night's debate made clear that none of his rivals are willing to let him go unchallenged.

"I love you, brother, but let me tell you something, you don't have to pay a big analysis to figure this out," Perry said to Cain.

"Go to New Hampshire where they don't have an income tax and they don't have any interest in one," he said, referring to the state that will hold the first primary early next year.

# Prescription drug database goes live

**CHRIS VAN ORMER**  
Staff Writer

Prescriptions for medications should be better tracked as of Monday.

The online monitoring program, Electronic — Florida Online Reporting of Controlled Substances Evaluation (E-FORCSE) has gone into effect, according to Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey.

“The prescription database is perhaps the single most important patient safety program to launch in recent memory,” Fasano said. “On average, the scourge of prescription drug abuse claims the lives of seven people per day. This long-awaited tool is intended to cut that number significantly.”

Fasano said he was the prime sponsor of various pieces of legislation during the past decade that led to the launching of the database. Legislation has included requiring pain clinics to be owned by doctors rather than by organized crime, said Dr. Mark

Fallows of Nature Coast Pain Associates in Lecanto.

Fallows said the database will make a huge difference to physicians because all pharmacies will compile records. From now on, all Florida physicians may access the prescription drug history of their patients to identify “doctor shoppers,” patients who see a number of doctors to secure more than one prescription of the same medication, and patients who may not be using their medications properly.

“There will be no layer of effort on our part,” Fallows said, adding he expected it to put more work on pharmacies. “This is very beneficial to us.”

Fallows said 38 states now had databases, which would cut down prescription abuse.

Ken Heimann, who owns B&W Rexall Drugs in Inverness, said pharmacies have been reporting this information since last month and have been asked to compile their records back to December

2010. The data will assist the Florida Department of Health to establish as basis of normal dispensing patterns.

“This will help insure patients are not receiving duplicate therapies, or that patients are not shopping for more than one doctor or pharmacy,” Heimann said.

The database information will include the name and dosage of the controlled substance, where it was filled and who wrote it. Doctors can then use that information in determining which medications are in the best interest of their patient. They also can use the information to refuse to write a prescription, and also to offer the patient help in getting substance abuse treatment.

The Florida Medical Association and the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association have both encouraged their members to consult the database.

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With all the materials in place, the construction company is ready to move ahead with the project. The widened lanes, bike path, traffic-calming devices, landscaping and medians should be finished by Christmas.

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Street project is part of the city's long-term plans to upgrade all the major arteries that lead to major roadways, such as S.R. 44.

“That’s how we were able to get the grant,” he said.

One of the features of the Tompkins Street project is making the intersection of Tompkins Street and Ella Avenue safer.

“If you’re coming up Tompkins, there’s a makeshift turning lane,” Koch said. “When we’re finished, it’ll be more pronounced and the lanes more defined.”

After Tompkins Street, the city has plans for two other road updates — Highland Boulevard and Zephyr Street.

The Highland Boule-

# Radical protection ‘paramount’ in new maps, panel says

**BRANDON LARRABEE**  
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Senate panel charged with redrawing the state’s political boundaries ordered its staff to keep minority districts intact as much as possible in northeastern and north-central portions of Florida as it continued laying out the broad contours for its redistricting plan.

The decision marked the committee’s most specific effort to grapple with how to reconcile the seemingly competing goals of the “Fair Districts” amendments, which instruct lawmakers to protect minority voters’ ability to elect candidates of their choice, with the desire to minimize the gerrymandering often associated with those districts.

At least in regard to the districts discussed Tuesday, the committee landed on the side of trying to preserve the districts where blacks and Latinos constitute a majority of voters or a large enough minority to essentially decide an election.

“I do believe that racial protection is clearly paramount,” said Sen. John Thrasher, R-St. Augustine.

The vote also showed the cross-partisan divisions that could make the redistricting process unpredictable as it heads forward. Preserving minority districts allows Republican mapmakers an opportunity to strengthen GOP majorities in nearby districts while sometimes drawing support from black or Latino Democrats.

For example, Sen. Gary Siplin, a black Democrat from Orlando, drew on the language in the Fair Districts standards to argue that the new maps should at least preserve the same number of minority districts that exist under the state’s current maps.

“It says ‘shall,’” Siplin said. “It doesn’t mean ‘might.’”

But that could run counter to the apparent intent of the amendments to create more compact districts, as some of the districts in Northeast

Florida show. While the congressional seat of U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Jacksonville, often draws the most attention, there are other examples.

State Senate District 1 begins in Jacksonville and carves out part of five counties to create a district where 46 percent of the voting-age population is black. Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, said preserving that district means it would be hard to consolidate within or largely within Duval County without watering down its concentration of minority voters.

“In order to keep that where it is now, we would have to go outside of the county,” he said.

Other Democrats suggested that how districts “perform” — how likely they are to elect candidates backed by minorities — might be more important than holding rigidly to a percentage of black or Latino voters in the districts.

“They just elected an African-American mayor in Duval,” said Sen. Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, referring to Mayor Alvin Brown’s victory earlier this year.

Sen.-elect Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, who is set to become the senator in that district, noted after the meeting that the districts was already divided among several counties.

“The issue is not counties; the issue is people and the interests of the people,” she said.

In their instructions to staff, lawmakers did not address the issue of a Latino district in Central Florida, backed strongly by residents originally from Puerto Rico.

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## CMH

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didn’t seek a private company to operate the hospital. Rather, it set up the foundation that, at the time, was comprised mainly of trustees themselves.

Fulford is expected to rule on the case in the next few weeks. Both sides agreed a trial wasn’t necessary and presented its case at Tuesday’s hearing.

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**Citrus County**

**Board to clear drainage rules**

Drainage will be on the agenda for Thursday's Citrus County Planning and Development Review Board meeting.

County planning division staff will request revisions to the drainage level of service of the county's comprehensive plan to include removal of text that duplicates or exceeds the regulatory program of a federal, state or regional agency.

The board also will review the proposed Land Development Code.

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. in Room 166 at the Lecanto Government Building, 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto.

**Transportation board to meet in Inverness**

The Citrus County Transportation Planning Organization Board will meet this week.

The TPO steers the improvement of transportation in the county, including highways and public transportation, and considers links to airports, seaports, buses, railroads and pipeline terminals.

The public meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the city council chamber at Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main St., Inverness.

**Veterans planning meeting today**

The Veterans Appreciation Week Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee will have its coordination meeting for Citrus County's 19th annual Veterans Appreciation Week at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Conference Room of the *Citrus County Chronicle*, 1624 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River.

All veterans' service organizations are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the planning process. Individual veterans are also welcome.

For more information, email Fred Daniels at [fredin@floralcity.com](mailto:fredin@floralcity.com) or call (352) 422-2449.

**Plant City**

**Legionnaire's disease found in community**

The Hillsborough County Health Department said one person has died and two others were sickened by Legionnaire's disease at a mobile home park near Tampa.

The health department said the death occurred Saturday. All three people were residents of a 55-and-older mobile home park in Plant City, a rural town east of Tampa.

The respiratory disease is spread through water and water vapor. As a precaution, two swimming pools and two hot tubs at the mobile home complex were closed.

**Miami**

**Woman gets \$200,000 cellphone bill**

A South Florida woman got the shock of her life when she opened a recent cellphone bill: she owed \$201,000.

It was no mistake. Celina Aarons has her two deaf-mute brothers on her plan. They communicate by texting and use their phones to watch videos. Normally, that's not a problem. Aarons has the appropriate data plan and her bill is about \$175.

But her brothers spent two weeks in Canada and Aarons never changed to an international plan. Her brothers sent more than 2,000 texts and also downloaded videos, sometimes racking up \$2,000 in data charges.

T-Mobile told Aarons the bill was correct. It later cut Aarons' bill to \$2,500 and gave her six months to pay.

—From staff and wire reports

# Red, blue and cooters, too

## *Inverness City Council discusses liquor ordinance, Red Ribbon Week*

**NANCY KENNEDY**  
*Staff Writer*

INVERNESS — It was red ribbons and blue laws at Tuesday's Inverness City Council meeting.

In between passing ordinances regarding the closing of an alley and the utility rate hike, the council proclaimed next week Red Ribbon Week and voted after the first reading of the ordinance to amend the city's regulations regarding the sale of alcohol on Sundays.

Renna Jablonskis and others from Partners for a Substance-Free Citrus distributed red ribbons and thanked the council for their willingness to let the city be covered with red ribbons and banners.

"Red Ribbon Week is a week to proclaim that we want a safe, drug-free community," she said.

With the next agenda item, Coun-

cilman Ken Hinkle noted the irony that, with one breath, they were proclaiming they want a drug-free community and with the next they were discussing alcohol sales and use in the city.

Tuesday's discussion was more of the same as the past few meetings. Besides Hinkle, the other opposing council member, Marti Consuegra, said she objected to the ordinance, which would allow restaurants and grocery stores to sell alcohol at 7 a.m. but prohibit bars and liquor stores from selling before noon on Sunday, as an issue of integrity.

"Why can't we be the one city that holds onto the integrity that we have built all these years?" she asked.

Councilman Cabot McBride noted Councilwoman Linda Vega's prior research from the sheriff's office reporting no increase in alco-

hol-related arrests since the county changed its regulations.

Council president Jacquie Hopper said, "To me it's about choice and freedom."

Mayor Bob Plaisted, who said he would not sign the ordinance, said, "What we have today has worked for 40 years, and because the county has changed, everything's going to change for us? This wasn't even a problem for us three months ago."

After a 20-minute discussion, the council voted on the first reading: three yes and two no. A second reading of the ordinance with a public hearing will be at the next council meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 1. Citizens are welcome to voice their opinions at that time.

In other council business:

■ State Rep. Jimmie T. Smith was in attendance.

■ On Saturday and Sunday, the parking lot at city hall will be refurbished with new parking bumpers, the lot resealed and lines repainted.

■ City Manager Frank DiGiovanni

**“Why can't we be the one city that holds onto the integrity that we have built all these years?”**

**Marti Consuegra**  
 city councilwoman,  
 about early liquor sales on Sundays.

read an email giving kudos to the city for its recent outdoor movie night downtown on the square. He also announced that the coming weeks will be filled with activities downtown, from the many Cooter Festival events to the Festival of the Arts in November.

"We've got to constantly look forward, constantly be better, constantly keep the light shining very brightly," he said.

# City adding sidewalks

## *Crystal River improving downtown*

**CATHY KAPULKA**  
*Staff Writer*

CRYSTAL RIVER — The city of Crystal River is stepping up and installing sidewalks where there once were none.

"We're basically trying to make it a little safer to walk through the downtown area," Andy Houston, city manager, said.

He said the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) modified the original plan to include Fourth Street, but still plans to extend the sidewalks along Northeast Fifth Street to Northeast Third Avenue, which was part of the city's proposed sidewalk five-year improvement plan.

He said the CRA is currently working on new sidewalks along Fourth Street from North Citrus Avenue to Northeast First Avenue and then along Northeast First Avenue north to connect with a sidewalk that runs along Northeast Fifth Street and south to Northeast Third Street.

A large oak tree sits in the path of one of the sidewalks on Fourth Street.

"Our tree board looked at it and wanted to try to save it," he said. "Our original plan was to try to go around it."

Houston said the city's public works department employees inspected the tree and found it hollowed out from basically the top of the tree to "pretty deep down in it." He said an arborist evaluated it from street level and said that it looked all right from the ground, but there was potential for



RIC BUSH/Special to the Chronicle

**Lou Kneip, a project manager for the city of Crystal River, walks by a very old oak tree in the path of a new sidewalk being installed on Fourth Street. Kneip said the city tries to save as many trees as possible, and had originally wanted to go around this tree with the new walkway. However, a city employee discovered the tree was dying and will need to come down.**

some rotting.

Although the tree provides a great deal of shade, he said it was better to take it down now, than to risk having it fall later with the possibility

of injuring someone.

Houston said an outside contractor would remove the tree, which is scheduled for sometime this week. The sidewalk project should be com-

pleted within the next couple of weeks, he said.

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# Community concert series begins Sunday

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*Staff Writer*

HERNANDO — Sunday begins the fourth season of the Hernando Church of the Nazarene concert series.

First up is Nashville recording artist Mary Courtney, Female Vocalist of the Year for the Southeast Region's Great American Gospel Fest.

"She has a big, 'Sandi Patty' voice," said worship pastor Walt Garrett.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. at the church, 2101 N. Florida Ave., Hernando.

Future concerts include the Dixie Echoes (Nov. 13), the Proclaimers Quartet (Dec. 4), HerNaz Christmas Live (Dec. 18), the Browns (Jan. 22), the Collingsworth Family (Feb. 1), Celebration Sounds choir and or-

chestra (Feb. 26), Southern Sound Quartet (March 28) and Easter concert (April 8).

Doors open one hour prior to concerts and two hours prior to the Collingsworth Family concert. All concerts are free to the community, with a freewill offering taken.

"This is our fourth year and it keeps on growing," Garrett said. "It started when I first came here five years ago and I kept getting calls from concert artists who were in Florida and were trying to fill in concert slots — often last minute, which is hard to advertise."

Four years ago, he decided to plan a series each season. Now, instead of people calling him, he goes through agencies and agents, choosing the concerts he thinks the community will enjoy.

Most of the soloists and groups are

Southern Gospel with an occasional comedian or drama group or instrumental group.

"When I started this, I also wanted people in the community to know a little bit about our church — more than just having people come in and sing and have people leave and know nothing about us," he said. "So, to introduce our church to the community, every time we have a concert, our choir opens for the groups. Now it's a mainstay. People expect it."

Most of the concerts are on Sunday nights, with two on Wednesday evening and the Easter concert on Sunday morning.

For information, call the church office at (352) 726-6144.

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# 9/11 memorial to be unveiled Saturday

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INVERNESS — "Dedicated to the Courage, Strength and Indomitable American Spirit of those who perished and those who persevered during the events of September 11, 2001. Inverness Remembers."

Those are the words inscribed on the 9/11 Memorial at Liberty Park in Inverness, which will be unveiled and dedicated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

The split-block base of the memorial, which stands about 2 feet high, encases a piece of steel rescued from the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

The monument's towers are made of black granite and extend 6 feet up.

Two blue lights will shine up on the towers and a white spotlight will illuminate an American flag flown from a 15-foot flagpole.

The estimated cost for the monument is \$15,000.

To date, the city has received almost \$6,000 in donations, including \$2,000 from the Professional Firefighters of Citrus County Local 4562. City officials expect more donations to come in to help fund this permanent memorial.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will be preceded by a motorcade of first responders and law enforcement personnel carrying wreaths.

Event planners are seeking former members of the New York Fire Department who were in New York on 9/11. Contact Inverness City Hall at (352) 726-2611 or just show up to be a part of the ceremony.

"The motorcade will start at the sheriff's office parking lot and go up Apopka to the park," said Debbie Davis, Inverness city clerk. "We want as many people as we can get to come out for the unveiling."

To donate, checks can be mailed or delivered to the Inverness Government Center, 212 W. Main St., Inverness, FL 34450.

Checks should be payable to the City of Inverness, 9/11 Memorial Monument Fund. Checks can be placed in the drop off box or visit the Finance Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Cash donations are also accepted.

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For the RECORD

Citrus County Sheriff's Office Domestic battery arrests

Valerie L. Thomas, 45, 1047 S. Val Drive, Inverness, at 8:13 p.m. Friday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Debra K. Alderdice, 65, Floral City, at 11:38 p.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

David Tyrell Lemon, Jr., 22, Crystal River, at 6:02 p.m. Saturday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Terrence Eugene Lampkins, 18, Floral City, at 11:16 p.m. Sunday on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Jason Jerome House, 20, Crystal River, at 9:55 p.m. Friday on a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Dorothy A. Gould, 67, 9022 S. Evans Ave., Inverness, at 4:40 p.m. Monday on a felony

charge of obtaining a controlled substance by deception. Bond \$2,000.

Jarrett Kenneth Suydam, 18, 611 Baylor Terrace, Inverness, at 8:07 p.m. Monday, on an active Marion County warrant, on a felony charge of grand theft (\$300 or more, but less than \$5,000). Bond \$2,000.

David Allen Rhodes, 26, 1552 W. Dupage Trail, Dunnellon, at 8:40 p.m. Monday, on an active Marion County warrant, on a felony charge of unemployment compensation fraud. Bond \$2,000.

Burglaries

A burglary to an unoccupied residence occurred on Aug. 1 in the 6100 block of W. Star Court, Homosassa.

A burglary to an unoccupied structure occurred at about 4 p.m. Oct. 14 in the 8000 block of N. Moonwind Terrace, Crystal River.

Thefts

A grand theft (\$300 or more) occurred at about 8 a.m. Oct. 10 in the 12000 block of S. Hyacinth Point, Floral City.

A grand theft (\$100 or more) occurred at about 1 p.m. Oct. 17 in the 3600 block of N. Tyrone Ave., Hernando.

Vandalisms

A vandalism (\$200 or less) occurred at about 10 a.m. Oct. 13 in the 4700 block of S. Robert Blake Ave., Inverness.

A vandalism (\$200 or more) occurred at about 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the 6900 block of N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

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.

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

Authorities seeking armed robbery suspect

A.B. SIDIBE Staff Writer

HERNANDO — The Citrus County Sheriff's Office has released a surveillance image of the alleged robber at a Hernando store that has been hit for the second time in a week by armed robbers.

The image released Tuesday shows a white male walking into the Dollar General store at 1385 N. Florida Avenue, in Hernando.

The female clerk reportedly told responding deputies she left the store office Saturday night and went to the register when a customer rang the bell for assistance. She said a white male, possibly in his 20s, had a 2-liter bottle of soda on the counter, according to investigators.

The suspect is described as being 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall, with a slender build. He was dressed in a gray and black striped polo shirt, khaki-colored pants and dark shoes. He also had on a gray toboggan cap.

The same store was hit Oct. 9, but that suspect has been arrested.

He told her he had a gun and to give him all the money in the cash drawer. Although no firearm was displayed, when she opened the register, he grabbed an undetermined amount of cash from the till, according to the sheriff's office.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call 911 or (352) 726-1121, or contact Crime Stoppers of Citrus County Inc. by texting CITRUS plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES), click-



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ing on www.crimestoppers.citrus.com or calling (888) ANYTIPS toll-free. Tipsters may be eligible to receive a reward up to \$1,000.

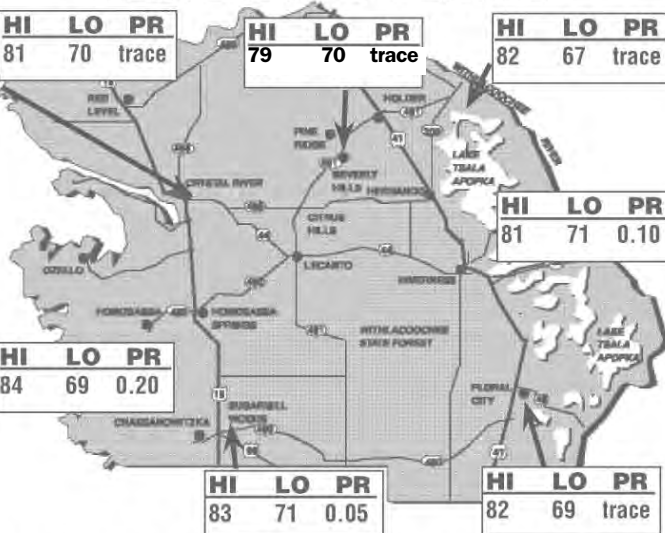
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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER



THREE DAY OUTLOOK

Exclusive daily forecast by: Bay News 9. TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING: High: 75 Low: 52. THURSDAY & FRIDAY MORNING: High: 72 Low: 43. FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING: High: 75 Low: 42.

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TEMPERATURE\* Tuesday 87/74, Record 91/45, Normal 83/63. DEW POINT Tuesday at 3 p.m. 70. HUMIDITY Tuesday at 3 p.m. 65%.

SOLAR TABLES

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MINOR (MORNING), MAJOR (MORNING), MINOR (AFTERNOON), MAJOR (AFTERNOON).

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 6:57 P.M., SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:34 A.M., MOONRISE TODAY NONE, MOONSET TODAY 1:51 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.

WATERING RULES

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TIDES

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MARINE OUTLOOK

West winds from increasing to 20 to 25 knots. Seas 5 to 7 feet. Bay and inland waters will be rough. Clearing skies today. Gulf water temperature 79° Taken at Aripeka.

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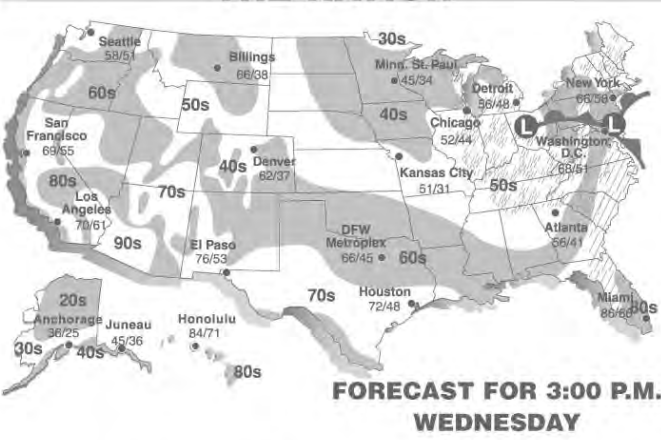


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YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL HIGH & LOW

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# Boost to exports

*Businesses see bright future with free trade*

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida businesses are celebrating the approval of the free trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea, hoping they boost both the state's exports and its image as the gateway to Latin American business opportunities.

The agreements signed last Wednesday will eliminate tariffs on U.S. products, help protect intellectual property and improve access for American investors in those countries. Experts say they could boost the nation's exports by \$13 billion and the Obama administration says it will add at least 70,000 new jobs for Americans. Working out the final details with the other countries could still take several months.

While much of the national attention has focused on the South Korea deal, in Florida the immediate focus is on the Colombian.

About 16 percent of Florida's economy is based on international business, and at \$4.5 billion, Colombia is the state's fourth-largest export market after Brazil, Switzerland and Venezuela.

Joseph Reagan Jr., a vice president for the Baltimore-based Wexford Science and Technology, said the timing of the deal is excellent, as his company seeks to fill its new Miami Life Science & Technology Park. The biotech center was inaugurated last month in Miami's downtown health district.

"A lot of the growth in biotech and life sciences is going to happen in Latin America as their economies grow," Reagan said, noting that biotech firms are also increasingly looking to conduct clinical trials in Latin America. "The free trade agreements are bound to increase traffic through Miami, and we hope to grab the appropriate piece of that for the life sciences."

Among the park's new tenants is Andago, the Spain-based information technology company that is developing an Internet-based medical records program with Google. More than a dozen other biotech, intellectual property law



Associated Press

**Reinaldo Cardona, 42, milks a cow Oct. 13 on a dairy farm in Cajica, Colombia. Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos calls a free trade pact finally approved by the U.S. Congress a commercial milestone that will build export muscle, but many of the country's small farmers fear for their livelihoods.**

and transport firms, have also recently moved in, most with an eye on Latin America, he said.

Meanwhile, Goya Foods is opening a new, state-of-the-art distribution center in Miami next week, which will focus in part on ramping up distribution to Colombia and Central America.

Joe Perez, a senior vice president for the Secaucus, N.J.-based company, said Goya planned the new center before the deal was reached based on growing demand, but the trade agreements provided further incentives.

"First off, we import many raw goods from Colombia: blocks of brown sugar, cookies, crackers, beans and chocolate. Second, is our ability to get our product into Colombia," he said.

He called Colombia "a growing market with huge potential. Its population has reached about 39 million, it has a sizeable middle class and a string of urban centers."

"Florida is a natural departure point," he added.

The trade agreements' most immediate affect will actually be on imports, not exports. That's because Congress also retroactively renewed a decade old Andean trade deal signed during

the height of the Colombian drug war to promote legitimate industries. That deal waived duties on many agricultural products like cut flowers, about 90 percent of which the U.S. imports. The majority — about seven cargo jet loads daily — come through Miami International Airport.

The Andean deal, which had to be renewed every two years, expired in February, jacking up the cost for importers. The Colombia Free Trade agreement will make the duty-free provision permanent.

"This provides sustainability for our business, because now we have the duty-free status forever. We can plan better," said Daniel Sabogal, president of Fantasy Farms, a Miami-based flower importer and distributor. "Now we can focus on growing our businesses."

Lee Sandler, chair of the Florida Chamber of Commerce's International Committee, says in the long run the South Korea deal may still be the bigger prize for Florida. The agreement with the world's 13th largest economy is the biggest since the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada in 1994.

## STORM

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of the state south of Jacksonville. Although the inclement weather should end Wednesday, it will likely dump even more rain to areas that have had steady rain since Sunday. Ocala city officials opened two sandbag sites Monday to prepare for flooding.

"It's not going to take a lot of rain to potentially cause issues as far as flooding. That's the other thing we're going to be looking at pretty closely," said Robert Molleda, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

At one point, the Gulf system looked like it could become a tropical storm, but it became disorganized. Colder weather is expected to sweep in after the system leaves.

The Florida Keys took the brunt of the weather where many residents felt steady rains beginning Saturday. Key West had a record breaking 6.91 inches of rain Monday, above the 4.08 record in 1910, Molleda said.

Key West had nearly 10 inches of rain Sunday and Monday, while Marathon saw more than seven inches during that time. Most flights were cancelled at Key West International Airport after the airport closed for almost three hours Monday morning due to taxiway flooding.

The heavy rains are helping replenish Lake Okeechobee's low water levels, but experts say it's too early to say how much of a boost it will bring given the forecast for an

unusually dry season, which runs from November through May.

"We definitely need rainfall. We need it in the right places," said Susan Sylvester, chief of water control operations bureau for the South Florida Water Management District. "Theoretically, if it came right across the state and put four to five inches in Lake Okeechobee that would be very positive."

Unfortunately, much of last weekend's heavy rains fell east of the water conservation areas where water is stored for the dry season, she said.

The stormy weather is also bringing rough seas and less than ideal boating conditions as snowbirds trickle back to the sunshine state. The Florida Division of Emergency Management is urging beachgoers to stay out of the water where red flags are posted.

Authorities say 48 accidents were reported on South Florida highways Sunday night after a day of rain. That includes nine hit-and-runs and a fatal accident in the Florida Keys involving a pedestrian.

In central Florida, crashes on Interstate 4 led to temporary lane closures and huge backups in both directions Tuesday.

Miami-Dade County officials warned of possible flooding in parts of the county later this month and during parts of November due to unusually high tides.

The tides are expected to be eight to 11 inches above normal.

*Chronicle reporter Cathy Kapulka contributed to this report.*

## Hurricane fund has \$3.2 billion shortfall

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's hurricane fund is confronting a potential \$3.2 billion shortfall, financial experts said Tuesday in a new estimate of the money available to the pool intended to help insurers make disaster payments.

The fund was created after Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida in 1992. Insurers get help to pay homeowners if a storm results in widespread damages.

But the fund doesn't have enough cash on hand to meet all of its obligations in the event of a big storm, or just as bad, a series of hurricanes. So the fund must go out and borrow what it needs.

Financial experts for the fund, however, have drawn up new estimates that contend that turmoil in financial markets and a weak economy have made it unlikely that the fund would have enough money to help insurers after a hurricane.

This year the fund is providing \$18.4 billion worth of coverage. It should have more than \$7 billion of cash on hand by the end of the

year, but it would still need to borrow another \$11 billion if a storm were to strike.

The new estimates, which were to be presented to a state panel Tuesday, suggest the fund could borrow just \$8 billion over a 12-month period.

The new figures, however, do suggest that the fund — formally known as the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund — could borrow an additional \$6 billion during a period one to two years following a major storm.

The news that the fund's financial strength has eroded isn't completely unexpected.

Last month Jack Nicholson, the chief operating officer of the fund, told state legislators that the fund is

on "shaky ground."

"I think we are dangerously overexposed considering the current reality of the marketplace," Nicholson said at the time. "... It scares me to death where we are."

Nicholson wants state lawmakers to scale back the size of the fund. That would likely cause insurance premiums to rise but it has the backing of many key Republicans, including Gov. Rick Scott.

Every insurer currently in Florida is required to purchase coverage from the "Cat Fund" as it also called. The fund provides a backstop to insurers at a rate that is generally cheaper than reinsurance sold by private companies. Nicholson estimated that this low-

cost option probably results in insurance premiums being about 25 percent cheaper.

If a storm causes enough damages the insurer can ask for reimbursements from the fund. But if the hurricane fund runs out of cash due to a large storm, it borrows money to pay insurers.

The state pays off its debts with an assessment, or what some call a "hurricane tax," that is placed on nearly every insurance policy in the state, including auto insurance policies. Right now, homeowners and drivers in Florida are paying off charges due primarily to Hurricane Wilma.

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# Vaccine could be major breakthrough

Study shows shots help children

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The quest for the world's first malaria vaccine appears to have taken a big step: A study in Africa shows experimental shots cut the risk of disease in young children by half.

The initial results from a final stage of vaccine testing were released Tuesday, and the vaccine's developers called it a milestone in helping to tame one of the world's most devastating killers.

However, the vaccine won't be available for at least three years, as crucial further testing must be completed to see how well it works in infants and how long protection lasts. Then the vaccine must be reviewed by government agencies in Europe and in individual African countries.

"We still have a way to go," Tsiri Agbenyega, lead researcher for the African study, said in a conference call with reporters.

The early results show the vaccine is only about 50 percent effective, significantly lower than the protection seen in more common vaccines. But some experts said it's a vast improvement over the current situation, and could still save hundreds of thousands of lives.

Globally, malaria kills nearly a million people annually. More than 90 percent of them live in Africa, and most are young children and pregnant women. Scientists have been try-



Associated Press

**An Anopheles funestus mosquito takes a blood meal from a human host. The quest for the world's first malaria vaccine appears to have taken a big step. The first results from a late-stage test in seven African countries were released Tuesday; they show the experimental shots cut the number of cases of malaria in half in young children.**

ing for decades to develop a malaria vaccine and the one tested — developed by GlaxoSmithKline — is furthest along. Without a vaccine, public health efforts have concentrated on malaria drugs and other ways to prevent infection such as mosquito bed netting and insecticides.

Those efforts have been successful: Some countries have been able to reduce malaria deaths in younger children by up to 50 percent, noted Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The new vaccine targets a malaria parasite found in sub-Saharan Africa. Malaria spreads through mosquitoes, which bite people and flush malaria parasites into the bloodstream. The parasites cause bouts of high fever and can end in fatal organ failure.

In the United States, malaria has been eradicated since the early 1950s. Only about 1,500 cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each

year, most of them travelers or immigrants from South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa or other places where malaria commonly spreads.

The new study — still under way — began in 2009 and involves more than 15,000 children in Burkina Faso, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania.

Early results were released Tuesday at a malaria conference in Seattle and published by the New England Journal of Medicine.

The findings focus on about 6,000 children ages 5 to 17 months. A year after getting three doses, the vaccinated children had about half as many cases of malaria as a group that didn't get the vaccine.

Meanwhile, experts are waiting for results from a younger group — infants ages 6 to 12 weeks. That's the age when children in sub-Saharan Africa are vaccinated against other diseases. Earlier vaccination also affords earlier protection.

# EU court: Human stem cell methods can't be patented

Researchers fear ruling could kill funding

Associated Press

LONDON — The European Union's top court ruled Tuesday that scientists cannot patent stem cell techniques that use human embryos for research, a decision some scientists said could threaten major medical advances if it prevents biotech companies from turning a profit.

The ruling sets Europe apart from much of the rest of the world, where there are no such restrictions, and it arose from a lawsuit filed not by a religious group but by the environmental group Greenpeace.

The decision from the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg centered on the case of a University of Bonn researcher who in 1997 filed a patent on a technique to turn embryonic stem cells into nerve cells. Greenpeace challenged Oliver Bruestle's patent, arguing that it allowed human embryos to be exploited.

The court said patents would be allowed if they involved therapeutic or diagnostic techniques that are useful to the embryo itself, like correcting defects.

But the justices concluded that the law protects human embryos from any use that could undermine their dignity. The court also objected to any stem cell techniques used exclusively for research, saying such use of embryos "is not patentable."

Embryonic stem cells can develop into any type of cell in the body. The hope is that one day they might be used to replace or repair damaged tissue from ailments such as heart disease, Parkinson's and stroke.

But using stem cells from embryos has always been controversial — opposed by some groups for religious and moral reasons.

Greenpeace spokesman Christoph Then explained that the lawsuit was an effort to get a clear, legal definition of what constitutes a living embryo. The group is concerned that patents on plants and animals could lead to monopolies in food production.

Greenpeace approaches the issue from "a completely different angle" than anti-abortion activists, specifically a fear that living creatures will be abused for the sake of profits, Then said.

"We took an ethical approach," he said, noting that European patent law had failed to define what constitutes a human embryo. "We are mostly concerned about commercialization of the human body."

Scientists worried that the decision could further restrict stem cell research. Many feared that companies would be less interested in pursuing costly research projects because they would be unable to protect their inventions.

"This casts real doubt on the possibility of new medicines from stem cell research," said Pete Coffey, a researcher at University College London running several projects on eye disease and stem cells.

"Getting a stem cell technique to cure blindness is fantastic, but it may never get out as a medicine because no manufacturer will get any financial reward from it," he said.

Robert Lanza, chief scientific officer at Massachusetts-based Advanced Cell Technology, called the ruling "a devastating decision for the field."

Lanza, whose company has several stem cell projects, described the European court's decision as "the kiss of death" for research that requires the destruction of embryos. But, he said, other techniques, such as those used by his company, would not be banned.

Some European religious groups welcomed the ruling.

"We are in favor of research and development in biotechnology, but human beings must not be destroyed, not even in the early stages of their development," said Peter Liese of the EPP Christian Democrat group at the European Parliament.

The German Bishops' Conference, part of the Catholic Church, called the decision a "victory for human dignity" and said it strengthened the view that life begins at conception.

Alexander Denoon, a lawyer at a U.K. law firm specializing in life sciences, said attorneys would probably find ways around the European ban, perhaps by seeking patents on discoveries that result from the stem cell techniques rather than the techniques themselves.

Hank Greely, a law professor at Stanford University who directs the school's Center for Law and the Biosciences, said the decision seems like a reasonable interpretation of a 1998 directive by the European Union that forbids patenting the use of human embryos for industrial or commercial purposes.

In its latest move, the court extended that ban to products whose creation requires the destruction of embryos.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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Large table of NYSE stock listings with columns: Name, Last, Chg, %Chg, Bid, Ask

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Stocks up on latest signs from Europe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Tuesday on reports that Germany and France are moving closer to finding a fix for the European debt crisis.

The Guardian newspaper reported that France and Germany have agreed to expand a rescue fund. European officials are expected to take up the expansion along with a package of other measures at a meeting this weekend.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 180.05 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 11,577.05. It was another day of wild swings for the stock market. The Dow dropped as many as 100 points in the morning and soared as many as 255 points within an hour of the closing bell.

"The news out of Europe is taking fears of a 2008 scenario off the table," said Jeffrey Kleintop, chief market strategist at LPL Financial. The worry hanging over markets for months is that a default by a deeply indebted European government could set off a financial crisis similar to the one triggered by the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

The S&P 500 index rose 24.52 points, or 2 percent, to 1,225.38. The Nasdaq composite rose 42.51 points, or 1.6 percent, to 2,657.43.

Market watch

Table showing market watch data for Dow Jones, Nasdaq, Standard & Poor's 500, and Russell 2000.

NYSE diary

Table showing NYSE diary data including Advanced, Declined, Unchanged, Volume, Nasdaq diary, and Volume.

ings expectations for the third quarter, thanks to accounting gains and the sale of a stake in a Chinese bank. Goldman Sachs rose 5.5 percent, even after reporting just its second quarterly loss since going public in 1999.

There was also better news from the housing market, which has rattled banks since the real estate collapse. A survey of U.S. homebuilders showed they are less pessimistic about the struggling market. The National Association of Home Builders said its index of builder sentiment rose from 14 to 18 this month, the highest level since May 2010.

Building company stocks jumped on the news. D. R. Horton Inc. and PulteGroup Inc. both soared more than 11 percent. Lennar Corp. jumped 9.2 percent. Markets wavered in early morning trading after some disappointing corporate earnings reports and reports that France and Germany might not reach an agreement on additional support for Greece.

An agreement between the two countries is seen as the bedrock for a rescue package that can pass all 17 countries that share the euro.

Business HIGHLIGHTS

Yahoo's 3Q shows company remains in financial funk

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo's third-quarter results showed little evidence of ending the financial funk that got former CEO Carol Bartz fired last month.

In rare miss, Apple 4Q earnings disappoint

NEW YORK — Apple failed to set a new sales record in the last three months of founder and CEO Steve Jobs' life. Its financial results came in below expectations — a rare miss for the company.

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Johnson & Johnson 3Q profit down 6 percent, sales up

Johnson & Johnson's third-quarter profit fell 6 percent as continuing product recall costs, rising generic competition and costs tied to an acquisition more than offset higher foreign sales.

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Coca-Cola Co.'s third-quarter profit rose 8 percent and beat Wall Street estimates as it sold more drinks worldwide and raised prices in North America, its largest market.

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Advertisement for Cody's Roadhouse featuring '1 lb. Chef Select N.Y. Strip Steak' and 'Back For a Limited Time!'. Includes address and phone number.

Table titled 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' showing various stock prices and changes.

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WEIGHING IN

# Minimal intensity of land use best

Having a united front and bird-dogging issues of public concern are key to having a voice in government.

The Agricultural Alliance of Citrus County is doing just that.

State government's initiative to have water management districts identify land deemed not necessary for conservation is an issue of interest to the Agricultural Alliance.

Ag Alliance leaders aren't opposed to the concept, in general, but oppose development of now-protected lands owned by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, commonly known as Swiftmud.

In the coming months, Swiftmud officials will review roughly 30,000 acres to see what areas aren't environmentally critical.

While the *Chronicle* Editorial Board's position is that land purchased for conservation should retain that status, the Ag Alliance position is reasonable: if it was once set aside for agricultural use, that's the maximum intensity to which it should return.

The state Legislature's initiative to have all water districts review their holdings for a sell-off to private interests should raise concerns. Florida has ample room for development in areas presently designated for such uses.

Florida has long struggled to find its balance between preservation and develop-

ment, so selling off protected land should be seriously scrutinized. For example, in Citrus County the Flying Eagle Ranch and Potts Preserve are critical to the health of the Withlacoochee River, groundwater recharge and plant and animal habitat.

Of the 30,000 acres up for review in Swiftmud's several-county region, there were likely some tracts purchased for water management that came

with some acreage not vital to conservation. However, it's difficult to understand how protection from development could be anything less than beneficial.

Once returned to private ownership, the fate of now-preserved land is uncertain; and, only time will tell if state government will make purchasing environmentally sensitive lands a priority in years to come.

To their credit, officials with the Agriculture Alliance of Citrus County are keenly interested in how consideration of water district land sales pans out. Should the Legislature move forth with the sale of property, Citrus County and county governments throughout the state should give great weight to the Ag Alliance's position that low-intensity, agricultural use makes the most sense.

We credit the Ag Alliance for entering into the discussion and using its collective weight to be heard on an issue of concern to all.

**THE ISSUE:**

Ag Alliance weighs in on proposed sale of water district lands.

**OUR OPINION:**

Input valuable.

# Think before running for office

What's wrong with Rick Perry? How did the successful, well-liked, long-term governor of one of America's largest states enter the Republican presidential primary race with great fanfare, zoom to the top of the polls, and then slide almost as quickly back into the pack?



Byron York  
**OTHER VOICES**

Blaming the Texas governor's problems on a lackluster debating style — as Perry himself has done after a number of poor performances — answers only part of the question. Yes, debates are particularly important this campaign season. But debates are more than just style and popularity contests. They reveal deeper things about candidates; voters watching debates can learn not only how a candidate handles tough questions but whether he is really, truly prepared to run for the White House.

Early in Perry's candidacy, there was a spate of stories suggesting he's not smart enough to be president. They weren't subtle; one was headlined "Is Rick Perry Dumb?"

But even Perry's critics could look at those stories and say: Here is a man who has successfully governed a large and complex state, presided over prosperity and growth, dealt with the political challenges that go with it all, and won re-election repeatedly. Successful governorships don't just happen by accident; Perry's results in Texas show he is a smart, competent executive.

But the debates have revealed a different problem. The Rick Perry who has taken the stage in

Republican debates so far is a man who, for all his governing success in Texas, appears not to have thought enough about why he wants to be president of the United States and what he would do if he achieved his goal. When critics gently say that Perry's presentations have been "light on details," they're really saying Perry doesn't seem to have thought things through.

More than anything else, a lot of thinking should precede a run for president. There's no time to think about much of anything once the campaign begins, and there's no way a candidate can collect and organize a lifetime of experiences into a coherent approach to national issues once he's flying from stop to stop. A candidate has to have done his thinking long before he hits the road or steps on a debate stage.

Think back to a different example from a different time. In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated White House counsel Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court. Miers was a perfectly fine White House counsel, but she clearly had not spent a lifetime doing the kind of legal thinking that prepares one for the highest court. The White House assured doubters that Miers planned to study really, really hard in preparation for her confirmation hearings.

But it doesn't work that way. Justices John Roberts and Samuel Alito didn't have to cram at the last minute for their hearings. Each had a lifetime of experience and thinking at the highest levels of the law, and their task was to organize the knowledge they already had to prepare for confirmation questioning. The

important thing was, the knowledge was there. The thinking had already been done. Miers, on the other hand, wasn't prepared and finally dropped out.

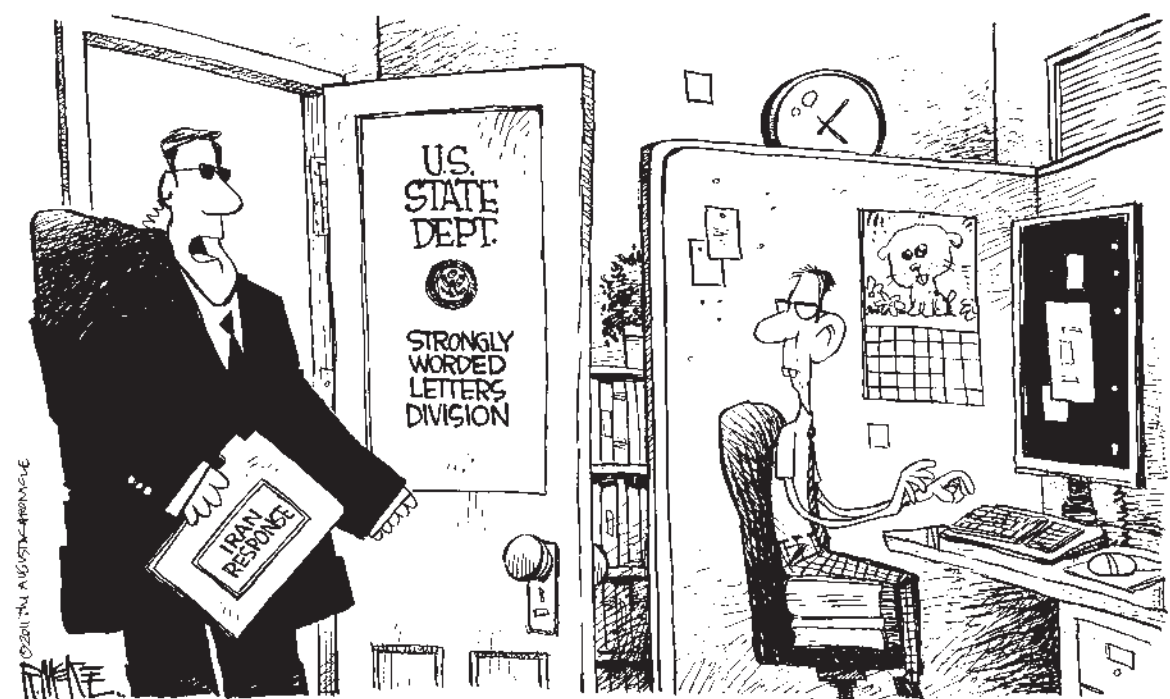
There's no doubt that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has thought a long, long time about being president. Romney can tell you, at any level of generality or detail you want, why he is running and what he would do if he won. He adjusts to new issues and questions by building on all the preparation he's already done.

For Romney, debate preparation involves taking all the things he has already thought through and finding the most effective way to present them in one-minute answers. For Perry, debate preparation is trying to learn new stuff about national issues that he should have been thinking about a long time ago.

It's often pointed out that since Perry entered the Republican race late, on Aug. 13, he had little time to build a campaign organization and hone a campaign pitch. That's true, but the fact is, if Perry wanted to be president, he should have been thinking seriously about the substance of national issues — not just fundraising and state party chairmen — years before he declared his candidacy.

Now Perry is paying the price for that lack of preparation. And if that, in fact, is the real problem behind his poor debate performances, then he's not going to improve as a candidate in the next few weeks. It's far too late for that.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for *The Washington Examiner*.



"THE PRESIDENT HAS A MISSION FOR YOU..."

LETTERS to the Editor

**Liberal DNA**

They just don't get it! It's so ingrained in their blood that they don't know any other way. The radical, ultra-leftist liberals only know one political ideology: Tax the working people to death! Very often, they succeed. They have killed the economy and working families' livelihood.

I've just returned from New York. It's frightening to see the sorry condition of the infrastructure of the once-beautiful state. Property taxes have skyrocketed! A modest house in Long Island, once one of the wealthiest places in America, pays over \$20,000. Families are struggling, even with two salaries. All this since the Democrats took over the governorship of New York (Spitzer, Patterson and now Andrew Cuomo).

New Yorkers, like most liberals, don't care that their standard of living suffered greatly under Mario Cuomo's administration. So they elect his son, who continues with his father's ultra-liberal agenda. He taxed the working people of the state until New York was on the brink of defaulting, so he raided the teacher's pension system to the tune of \$14 billion to save it from default (1974).

Poverty levels have risen drastically in Long Island. One hundred and sixty-eight thousand people live below the poverty line. Many have lost their homes

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and jobs because of exorbitant property taxes levied and raised by the Democratic governors.

Obama openly and unabashedly follows the same ideology. Do you know who last used the term "Wealth redistribution?" It was Mr. Obama, who, without shame or reservation, copied the ideas of Karl Marx that were central to his Communist Manifesto.

The problem is that the extra revenue that may be generated from tax raises is not used to benefit the working family, but to keep entitlement programs for those who do not contribute to society and the economy. That is the liberals' way of keeping their votes. Heaven forbid Sen. Bill Nel-

son and our *Chronicle* and other liberal publications would voice any objections to these blatantly socialist notions. They have lost all sense of fairness and are content to allow this administration to keep blaming the previous one for Obama's bankrupt and inept policies.

Gino Calderone  
 Beverly Hills

**Against rate hike**

I'm writing in reference to the parking rate at the Chazahowitzka River. They went from \$4 to \$7 just like that — almost double. Who authorizes this, the county commissioners? Who?

For what reason? It wasn't a raise for the folks who work there. They haven't had one in three years. I might accept it a little easier if they could disclose a reason, post a memo, something, but to just say, "Oh I'm sorry, we darn near doubled your rate because we need more money," isn't acceptable. If it's just about raising more revenue, what about the locals who use it two, sometimes three times a week?

That's a lot more to fork out. Maybe charge the out-of-state people a little more and give us local folks a break. We already pay our fair shake of taxes!

Ron Hobbs  
 Homosassa

**Can of worms**

I live in Pinehurst and I am against turning Meadowcrest Boulevard over to the county. The first thing they're going to do is take the stop signs down. They can increase the speed on it. Even turning right out of Pinehurst would be almost impossible without the stop signs there. People in this village have medical reasons for using golf carts. They would have to be licensed. The stores, the doctors, the bank are all available to these people, and that's the reason they bought in Pinehurst. I just think that just turning this over to the county would be opening a can of worms. Also, we would be isolated from the rest of the village. And I just think that people should think twice if they live in Pinehurst about turning this road over to the county. They can do anything that they want after it's theirs. We've had it for all these years and nothing's happened.

**Thanks, school board**

We owe thanks to the Citrus County School Board for not permitting any political and religious group to subject public school students to their brands of propaganda. This includes the Nature Coast 9-12 Project, which attempted to promote their right-

wing agenda by adding slanted advertisements through the back cover of the booklets containing

the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence. The 9-12 Project could easily have removed the offending back cover and still have provided the booklets. Why not?

**Life-saving test**

I have been reading in the paper today about the pros and cons about the PSA test and I would like to offer my opinion.

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**Volunteer opportunity**

In today's *Chronicle*, Tuesday, Oct. 11, there is an article about Inverness doing more with less. City Manager Frank DiGiovanni says that he and others are doing their own clerical work. If there is a Future Business Leaders group at one or all of the high schools in Citrus County, this would be a wonderful training on a volunteer basis for any members of the Future Business Leaders.



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**Tough**



Associated Press  
**Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton testifies Oct. 12 on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the House Immigration Policy and Enforcement subcommittee hearing on immigration.**

**U.S. deported nearly 400,000**

MIAMI — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said Tuesday his agency deported nearly 400,000 individuals during the fiscal year that ended in September, the largest number of removals in the agency's history.

Morton announced the Fiscal 2011 numbers in Washington, saying about 55 percent of those deported had convictions. Officials said the number of those convicted of crimes was up 89 percent from 2008.

**Banks: higher fees here to stay**

NEW YORK — Higher bank fees are here to stay. The latest third-quarter earnings reports from this week confirm that banks are struggling to make money the old-fashioned way, by lending money to consumers and businesses. The main reason: interest rates are at historic lows.

That makes it harder for banks to charge high rates on loans. New rules have also curtailed various kinds of traditional fees, costing banks billions in lost income.

**World BRIEFS**

**Enterprise**



Associated Press  
**Afghan boy Mahfouz Bahbah, 12, stands on a roadside Tuesday hoping to sell his balloons during sunset in Kabul, Afghanistan.**

**Clinton offers aid to former rebels**

TRIPOLI, Libya — The Obama administration offered millions of dollars in new aid to Libya as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton encouraged the country's unsteady new leadership to commit to a democratic future free of retribution, and acknowledged in unusually blunt terms that the United States would like to see former dictator Moammar Gadhafi dead.

"We hope he can be captured or killed soon so that you don't have to fear him any longer," Clinton told students and others at a town hall-style gathering in the capital city.

Until now, the U.S. has generally avoided saying that Gadhafi should be killed. U.S. officials usually say they want to see him brought to justice, something Clinton also said during her daylong visit.

"I am proud to stand here on the soil of a free Libya," she said. "The United States was proud to stand for you in your fight for freedom and you will continue to stand with us as you continue this journey."

—From wire reports

**One Israeli soldier for 1,000 prisoners**

*Prisoner exchange reunites Israeli family after 5 years*

Associated Press

TEL NOF AIR BASE, Israel — Looking thin, weary and dazed, Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit emerged Tuesday from more than five years in captivity, surrounded by Hamas militants with black face masks who handed him over to Egyptian mediators in an exchange for 1,000 Palestinian prisoners.

Israeli officials said Schalit showed signs of malnutrition and his father said he needed time to recover from psychological and physical wounds.

More than 450 Palestinians were transferred from Israeli prisons to the West Bank and Gaza, where massive celebratory rallies festooned with green Hamas flags were held. In Gaza City, tens of thousands

crammed into an open lot where a huge stage was set up, decorated with a mural depicting Schalit's capture in a June 2006 raid on an army base near the Gaza border. The crowd exhorted militants to seize more soldiers for future swaps.

The rest of the prisoners — about 550 more — are to be released in a second phase in two months.

Before he was flown to an Israel air base where he was reunited with his parents, Schalit spoke to Egyptian TV in an interview Israeli officials later called "shocking." Looking gaunt and uncomfortable, Schalit struggled to speak at times, his breathing noticeably labored as he awkwardly answered questions. He said he felt good and was "very excited" to be going free.

Still, the circumstances of his release, along with the awkward TV interview, in which masked Hamas militants hovered in the background, raised questions about the conditions the 25-year-old had endured.

After a tumultuous day that included a reception with the prime minister, Schalit touched down in



Associated Press  
**Released Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit, second right, walks with his father, Noam, right; Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, second left; and Defense Minister Ehud Barak, left; at the Tel Nof Air base Tuesday in southern Israel.**

his hometown of Mitzpe Hila in northern Israel late Tuesday on board a military helicopter.

Thousands of people jammed the streets and stood on rooftops to

celebrate Schalit's return.

The ecstatic crowd sang songs, waved Israeli flags, popped champagne bottles, embraced and cheered him on.

**Locked in the basement**

*Philly police: Disabled victimized by theft scheme*

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A woman convicted in the starvation death of a man nearly 30 years ago is facing charges of kidnapping and false imprisonment for allegedly preying on four mentally disabled adults, locking them in a basement and wresting control of their Social Security disability checks.

Linda Ann Weston was charged Monday with kidnapping, false imprisonment and other offenses, with bail set at \$2.5 million after her landlord stumbled upon the four adults, all weak and malnourished, in a dank, foul-smelling boiler room on Saturday.

Also charged were Eddie "the Rev. Ed" Wright, 50, whom Weston described as her boyfriend, and Gregory Thomas, 47.

Detectives found dozens of ID cards, power-of-attorney forms and other documents in the apartment, suggesting the alleged theft scheme involved more than just the four captives. Philadel-



Associated Press  
**Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey stands by the entrance Monday to the dank basement room in Philadelphia where four weak and malnourished mentally disabled adults, one chained to the boiler, were found locked inside over the weekend.**

phia police are forming a task force to look into the case and trying to find as many as 50 more possible victims, based on the number of documents found, said Officer Jillian Russell, a department spokeswoman.

Linda Ann Weston was charged Monday with kidnapping, false

imprisonment and other offenses after her landlord stumbled upon the four malnourished adults in a dank boiler room Saturday.

Weston has a criminal record. In 1983, a 13-year-old Philadelphia boy testified that Weston, his older sister, had beaten another sister's boyfriend with a broom-

stick and imprisoned him in a closet in 1981 after the man said he would not support the sister's unborn child. The man died of starvation weeks later.

After initially being ruled incompetent to stand trial, Weston began serving time in state prison.

**Truck with equipment for Obama tour stolen in Va.**

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — At least no one left the keys to Air Force One in the ignition.

In an egg-on-face moment for the government ahead of President Barack Obama's visit to Virginia, someone stole a Pentagon truck containing \$200,000 worth of presidential seals, podiums and sound equipment from outside a suburban hotel Monday, Richmond TV stations reported, citing unidentified police sources.

Authorities found the truck later in the day at another hotel near the Richmond airport, according to the news reports. But no one would say whether the items inside had been located. No arrests were reported.

Whether the thieves knew what they were stealing — or whether they got that what-have-we-done-now feeling when they opened the unmarked box truck — is unclear as well.

Will any of the gear end up on eBay? Or is there a guy somewhere amusing himself by holding mock presidential press conferences in his basement?

The White House and police in Henrico County would not discuss details of the heist, such as whether the thieves hot-wired the truck or found the keys in the ignition. And the Secret Service said it's not the agency's problem. "Not our equipment, not our truck," spokesman

Ed Donovan said.

The Defense Information Systems Agency, the Pentagon unit that owns the vehicle, said no classified or sensitive information was in it. But the agency had little else to say.

"We take incidents such as this very seriously," it said in a three-sentence statement, adding that an investigation is continuing.

Christopher Falkenberg, a former Secret Service agent who now heads a security company, said the agency responsible for the truck secures everything from a variety of lecterns used by the president — the big wooden one nicknamed the "Blue Goose" and a variety of smaller ones — to "incredibly sensitive information."

But Falkenberg said the thefts probably won't be a problem.

"It's not as though the nuclear codes are likely to be lost. And if they are lost, you change the codes," Falkenberg said.

WWBT-TV reported that the truck was parked at the Courtyard Marriott in suburban Henrico County when it was stolen. Obama is expected to push his jobs plan Wednesday at a fire station about 20 miles away. It's part of his three-day bus tour of Virginia and North Carolina.

Despite the setback, about 20 workers rushed about the Chesterfield Fire Department Station 9, setting up the stage, lights and yes, even a lectern, said Lt. Jason Elmore, department spokesman.

**Social Security to hand out first raises since '09**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Social Security recipients will get a raise in January — their first increase in benefits since 2009. It's expected to be about 3.5 percent.

Some 55 million beneficiaries will find out for sure Wednesday when a government inflation measure that determines the annual cost-of-living adjustment is released.

Congress adopted the measure in the 1970s, and since then it has resulted in annual benefit increases averaging 4.2 percent. But there was no COLA in 2010 or 2011 because inflation was too low. That was small comfort to the millions of retirees and disabled people who have seen retirement accounts dwindle and home values drop during the period of economic weakness, said David Certner, legislative policy director for the AARP.

"People certainly feel like they are falling behind, and these are modest income folks to begin with, so every dollar counts," Certner said. "I think sometimes people forget what seniors' incomes are."

Some of the increase in January will be lost to higher Medicare premiums, which are deducted from Social Security payments. Medicare Part B premiums for 2012 are expected to be announced next week, and the trustees who oversee the program are projecting

an increase.

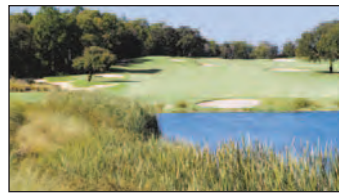
Monthly Social Security payments average \$1,082, or about \$13,000 a year. A 3.5 percent increase would amount to an additional \$38 a month, or about \$455 a year. Most retirees rely on Social Security for a majority of their income, according to the Social Security Administration. Many rely on it for more than 90 percent of their income.

Federal law requires the program to base annual payment increases on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Officials compare inflation in the third quarter of each year — the months of July, August and September — with the same months in the previous year.

If consumer prices increase from year to year, Social Security recipients automatically get higher payments, starting the next January. If price changes are negative, the payments stay unchanged. Only twice since 1975 — the past two years — has there been no COLA.

Wednesday's COLA announcement will come as a special joint committee of Congress weighs options to reduce the federal government's \$1.3 trillion budget deficit. In talks this summer, President Barack Obama floated the idea of adopting a new measure of inflation to calculate the COLA, one that would reduce the annual increases.

■ An uphill battle on Skyview's No. 11 at Terra Vista./B2



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# Cooke, Lecanto capture top district title

*Panthers, 'Canes finish No. 1 and 2 in District 2A-5*

SEAN ARNOLD  
 Correspondent

SILVER SPRINGS SHORES — It was another tournament gem for the Lecanto boys' golf team Tuesday. The Panthers bettered

last Wednesday's county-winning performance by nine shots to take the District 2A-5 championship by 34 strokes with a 307 at The Country Club at Silver Springs Shores.

Citrus added to the county's outstanding showing by finishing second with a 341 to



Drew Cooke won medalist honors.

join Vanguard (344) and Lecanto in advancing to next Tuesday's regional playoffs at Palm Harbor Golf Club in Palm Coast, FL.

Panthers junior Drew Cooke won medalist honors with a one-under-par 71, and Lecanto senior Skylar Summers was second overall with a 72.

Afterward, Cooke described how he and his team settled in mentally. "I just tried to have fun," he said. "I played a tournament over the weekend and I didn't play very

well, so I just came out and relaxed and tried to hit the fairways and greens.

"The team stuck together and played well and got it done."

For Summers, these past two weeks have been a perfect culmination of his high school golfing career.

"It doesn't get any better than that — district and county my senior year," he said.

Citrus sophomore Dylan Nelson led his squad with an 80 and saved

his best for the back nine where he shot a 36.

"Forty-four on my front nine is bad, but I would have never expected the 36," he said.

That 36 proved to be clutch as the 'Canes finished ahead of a group of closely matched schools that were separated by the slimmest of margins. Trailing Vanguard's 344, Forest (345) and Springstead (345) narrowly missed the cut.

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Player spotlight: **KAYLEIGH KIERNAN**

# SEVEN RIVERS SENIOR ADEPT AT ADAPTING

*17-year-old plays each game like it's her last*

TAYLOR PROVOST  
 Correspondent

In any sport, at any level, certain aspects of an athlete's character make them great at what they do. One is the ability to lead. Another is the ability to adapt. Seven Rivers senior Kayleigh Kiernan has both of the characteristics, and more, in spades.

"I think it's important to go to the game and think of it as your last — because then you're always gonna do your best," Kiernan, 17, said.

Kiernan started volleyball at Lecanto Middle School in seventh grade, soon after moving to the county from New Jersey. Most people at-

tend about three schools between kindergarten and high school graduation. Seven Rivers was her eighth.

"I moved to Seven Rivers my freshman year and started really learning what volleyball was," Kiernan said. "(The school) had a bunch of great athletes at the time and it was a good environment."

It was perhaps the frequent moving as a youngster that has allowed Kiernan to be so versatile and adaptable on the court.

"Coach (Brian Wood) calls me his jack of all trades," she said.

Kiernan began as a middle hitter her freshman year, and then switched to the outside for two years. This season, she plays all the way around.

"With any sport, I like to be a utility player," she said. "That's what helps coaches and I try to make an effort in any position. I think I work hard and that pays off in the end."

Her versatility extends to the serving position, where she scores frequently, a skill she was



DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Seven Rivers Christian School's senior Kayleigh Kiernan high-fives Daniette St. Martin between volleyball plays recently at the school's gym in Lecanto.

quick to attribute to someone else.

"One of my assistant coaches taught me how to do a slide approach on my jump serve, and that's allowed me to change up how my serve goes and what I

can do with it," she said.

Attributing her success to others happens a lot. Kiernan is happy to put the weight of the team on her shoulders, but less willing to take the credit. This is likely because Kier-

nan's favorite aspects of volleyball, as opposed to the myriad other sports she plays, are the camaraderie and importance of teamwork.

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# Tennis season taking off

The tennis season has taken off with a bang, as you can tell by all the scores that came in last week and by the list of tournaments that keeps growing.

The next event on that list is the seventh annual Fall Fest Compass Tennis Tournament at Crystal River High School. It will be Oct. 22 and 23, but the deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Oct. 19. Participants will be called Thursday night or Friday with their first match time.

If you do not have a partner yet, organizers will gladly team you up with somebody. So go ahead and sign up. If you cannot play at a certain time, they will still like to have you participate and will accommodate you.

The event will have a women's, men's and mixed doubles division. The \$20 fee is for first event entered. It costs \$10 for the second.

For more information or to sign up, contact one of the following people:

■ Cindy Reynolds at (352) 697-3222 or ReynoldsC@citrus.k12.fl.us.

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■ Eric van den Hoogen at hoera@juno.com.

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Eric van den Hoogen ON COURT

# NBA owners, players meet for 10 hours

*No change in deal even with mediator*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA players and owners met for more than 10 hours with a federal mediator, hoping to deliver the progress Commissioner David Stern says is needed to avoid canceling more games.

The talks started about 10 a.m. Stern sought immediate results in just one day of mediation, saying during interviews last week that proposals could get worse and more games could be lost without a deal Tuesday.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."

This was the longest negotiating session since owners locked out players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of the day June 30.

In another interview, Stern told WFAN radio in New York that his "gut" was there wouldn't be NBA games on Christmas if the 110th day of the lockout ended without a deal.

Large gaps remain, with both sides seeking 53 percent of basketball revenues and players opposing owners' attempts to significantly change the salary cap system.

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# Pirates sweep opponents again

*Crystal River beats Lecanto in hard-fought battle*

TAYLOR PROVOST  
 Correspondent

LECANTO — The Lady Pirates swept a county rival for the second night in a row Tuesday, besting the Lady Panthers on Breast Cancer Awareness Night, which saw each team, the crowd and the gym showing their pink pride.

"I think the kids are peaking at a good time and playing together," Crystal River head coach Mike Ridley said. "The defense has really come to-

gether and when the blocking is on, it creates some really good things. And our front row (is) picking up the tips. I'm pleased with the intensity."

Game 1 was an easy win for Crystal River (5-5 district, 14-10 overall), who took advantage of early attack errors by Lecanto (4-4 district, 9-9 overall). The Lady Pirates gained an early lead, building upon a 3-point run started by Ashley Allen in the serving position and a 4-point service run by Sabrina Scott minutes later.

Lecanto could not get any-

thing going on offense and fell to the Pirates 25-13.

Then came the highlight of the night — Game 2 — which saw eight ties before it was all said and done.

"I think we're getting contributions from all 12 players," Ridley said.

The Lady Pirates started off strong, but a 5-point run and a pair of serving errors by the Pirates gave the Panthers a 15-9 lead. The Pirates and Panthers tied the game eight

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DAVE SIGLER/Chronicle

Lecanto High School's Amanda Pitre hits the ball over the net into the waiting block of Crystal River High School's Ashley Allen during Tuesday's game in Lecanto. The Lecanto team wore pink jerseys to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month.















# Reaching for Greece

*Students study, teach ancient European culture*

**MATTHEW BECK**  
*Chronicle*

**F**OR two hours last Wednesday night the Citrus Springs Elementary School cafeteria was transformed into an ancient Greek dinner theater.

REACH students in Eddie Trygar's classroom have been taught about ancient Greece for the last nine weeks and Wednesday night the youngsters had some teaching of their own to do.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and administrators were treated to a catered dinner and a variety of shows throughout the evening as a culmination of lessons.

Trygar instructs second through fifth grade gifted students from Citrus Springs Elementary and Crystal River Primary, and students from both schools performed.

He settled on Greece because of familiarity with the subject matter.

"I picked Greece because I have been a geography teacher for several years and it was something I felt very comfortable with," he said. "Each week in class we had a theme," he said. "One week we focused on architecture, another we learned about Greek schools and another we focused on Greek mythology. We also talked about things like the Pythagorean theorem."

Second grade student Elizabeth Klamer, dressed in a white toga, sat with her mother as the program continued and dessert was served. She shared her favorite activity of the nine weeks.

"I liked learning the Greek alphabet. That was fun," she said.

Her mother, Melinda Klamer, said her daughter has been inspired by the lessons learned in class.

"She talks about this project all the time," she said. "I think it's a really good experience for the kids to be able to show what they've learned and to show their parents and grandparents what they've done in class over the last nine weeks. I know they have done a lot of work."

Citrus Springs Elementary principal Scott Hebert was in attendance for the show and was impressed with the first-year teacher's efforts.

"He's phenomenal! What he has done and the excitement he brings to these students is terrific," he said. "We have kids beating down the door wanting to be in his class because of his enthusiasm and what he brings to the class. It's dynamite."

Trygar moved to the elementary school this year following five years of teaching at Crystal River Middle School, also serving as the teacher for gifted students.

Hebert, Florida's Teacher of the Year in 1999, said when children have the opportunity to present what they've learned to others it resonates inside of a student offering many benefits.

"The benefit to something like this is when a student has the opportunity to share what they've learned in class with their parents or others it helps them retain more of what they've learned," he said. "The best way for kids to learn something is to teach it to them and have them teach it to others."



**Adrianna Cecere, 11, portrays the king of Sparta, Leonidas, during a talking museum last Wednesday evening at the Citrus Springs Elementary School.**

Trygar said the students even held an Olympic Games day outside where they competed in a variety of athletic activities.

"The boys seemed to like the Olympics the best of all and the girls really like learning about the Greek mythology," he said.

Each of his classes learned the Greek alphabet and his second grade students sang the alphabet on stage during the program. One class performed Pandora's Box as skit on video and another performed the fable "The Fox and the Crow" live on stage.

As the event came to an end, the final act of the night involved more than 20 of his fifth

graders dressed in costume as well-known Greeks. The students conducted a talking museum in the hallway outside of the cafeteria where parents and faculty could learn about famous individuals from the ancient time.

In all, 41 students were involved in performances during the activity.

Trygar said that while putting an event such as this together is challenging it's well worth the effort from the satisfaction he gets out of the end result.

"I love watching the kids shine," he said.



**MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle**

See GREEK/Page C2 **Second grade students sing the Greek alphabet.**

# Half of teens shy, but for a few it's more serious

*Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — Does your teen show normal nerves about the weekend party, or always stay home?

Nearly half of teenagers say they're shy, perhaps a bit surprising in our say-anything society. But a government study finds a small fraction of those teens show signs of a troubling anxiety disorder that can be mistaken for extreme shyness.

The report challenges criticism that the terms "social phobia" or "social anxiety disorder" medicalize normal shyness.

"Shyness is a normal human temperament," says lead researcher Dr. Kathleen Merikangas of the National Institute of Mental Health, whose teachers always noted her own childhood shyness on her report cards.

But just as it can be hard to tell when feeling sad turns into depression, "there is a blurred

boundary between people who describe themselves as shy and clinically significant impairment," Merikangas adds.

The difference: The shy can be drawn out and adapt, while teens or adults with full-fledged social anxiety become so paralyzed during social situations that it interferes with everyday functioning.

"I didn't go out on dates or do any of the things that other kids did," recalls Cynthia Kipp of Tehachapi, Calif., who shared her

story of years struggling with social phobia with the Anxiety Disorders Association of America. Now 48, she thinks her first anxiety symptoms began in fourth grade, when she can remember hiding under her coat in class, but worsened in high school when she tried drugs and alcohol for relief. Eventually she found treatment that worked.

The report also opens a window into the broader field of temperament research. Even garden-vari-

ety shyness worries parents, particularly fathers of boys, says Dr. Nancy Snidman of Children's Hospital Boston.

In school-age boys especially, "shyness isn't very well tolerated in the United States," says Snidman who wasn't involved with the new research.

Snidman and colleagues at Harvard Medical School have tracked infants to their college years, and

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"That's why I'm here — to challenge them," said Trygar. "I enjoy watching them explore and learn things and be successful at it."

"I think gifted education is often overlooked because many people think these kids are going to succeed, no matter what," Trygar said. "But if they are not challenged to the level that they could be then they may not meet their potential. I like to have some authentic way for my kids to show what they've learned. Parents and grandparents are a great audience. This gives them an end result and it



MATTHEW BECK/Chronicle

**Citrus Springs Elementary School Principal Scott Hebert, left, and gifted education teacher Eddie Trygar address the group of more than 160 students, family and faculty at the REACH Dinner Theater 2011.**

motivates them," he said. *Chronicle staff writer Matthew Beck can be reached at (352) 564-2919 or mbeck@chronicleonline.com.*

# SHY

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know that babies who react very negatively to new people and objects tend to grow into shy children. That's not a bad thing — caution is considered an important evolutionary adaptation.

Usually, the clinging tot does just fine as he or she grows older and finds a niche, Snidman says. Girls may think the shy teen boy is nice because he's not macho, for example, or the shy kids wind up on the school newspaper so they can write instead of do public speaking. Many outgrow their shyness.

Yet a very shy child is considered more at risk than others of later developing some type of anxiety disorder — just as the opposite extreme, a very outgoing child, can be at greater risk for attention or conduct dis-

orders, she says.

The new study, published by the journal *Pediatrics*, is based on in-person surveys of more than 10,000 U.S. teens about a variety of mental health issues. More than 6,000 of their parents were surveyed, too.

About 47 percent of the teens identified themselves as shy around peers they don't know well. More than 62 percent of parents thought their teens were shy, perhaps a reflection of parental worry.

Then Merikangas' team analyzed how many teens appeared to meet the American Psychiatric Association's criteria for social anxiety disorder or social phobia. Roughly 1 in 10 of the self-described shy kids did.

Social phobia tends to appear during adolescence when kids take their first real steps toward independence, but there's little information about how often.

The National Institutes of Health estimates it affects about 15 million adults.

The surveyed teens weren't formally diagnosed; Boston's Snidman cautions that what a specialist observes can be quite different from what a teen recalls.

Still, those identified as potentially socially phobic were more likely to have another mental health problem, such as depression or substance abuse.

There are anxiety-treating medications but the main treatment is behavioral therapy, exposing people very gradually to fear-inducing situations and teaching them coping techniques.

The question is whether an anxious or shy teen is doing things typical of that age — participating in class, getting together with friends, going to group activities, says Dr. Chris Mauro, a Duke University psychologist.

# Computer users plan classes

Special to the Chronicle

Crystal River Users Group (CRUG) classes for the fall will be at Crystal Oaks Community Center, 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Blvd., Lecanto. All class descriptions and registration can be found at [www.crug.com](http://www.crug.com). Directions can be found on the website, along with membership applications.

■ Picnik, 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 24 and 31 with instructor Dean Christianson; \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Picnik (owned by Google) is photo editing online, in your browser. It's fast, easy, and offers tons of powerful tools, artistic effects, stickers, frames, touch-ups, scrapbooking tools and more, all for free. There's even more available for Picnik Premium members: more tools, advanced effects, seasonal content and more. Picnik has amassed millions of happy fans on the site, through Facebook, embedded in Flickr, Picasa, Yahoo! Mail and dozens of others.

■ Digital Scrapbooking, 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 with instructor Laura Boetto; \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Learn to create scrapbook pages digitally. Using photo-editing programs on your computer, you can create beautiful scrapbook pages with your photos and realistic digital elements and papers.

The class will include gathering digital files, downloading them from the Internet, unzipping files, resizing and altering your own photographs, adding text, drop shadows and other effects to create your own unique pages.

Items needed: laptop computer, a few digital images to use for practice, a photo-editing program (Photoshop Elements 6 will be used in class for the lessons). A free 30-day trial edition of Photoshop Elements, version 9, can be downloaded by going to the Adobe website: [www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/](http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/).

■ Maintain Your Computer, 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 with instructor Bob Burns; \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Learn to maintain your computer by doing the proper maintenance, including how to clean your desktop, keyboard and mouse, plus cleaning some of the exposed portions of the desktop and laptop to

avoid future problems.

■ Adobe Photoshop Elements, 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 with instructor Dick Shadler; \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Adobe Photoshop Elements (PSE) is a superior image-editing program that can fix most common problems that occur when using a digital camera or scanning a photograph. PSE can modify, improve, change digital images; merge selected parts of images; change or correct colors; straighten and/or crop images; and use a host of other creative features.

Students should have basic computer skills for this class. Photoshop Elements 9 will be used during this class.

Shadler has taught PSE 9 many times and provides students with a step-by-step manual on a CD. A laptop touchpad mouse is not precise enough to use for editing many photos. You really do need a separate mouse, which is more easily controlled. A free 30-day trial edition of Photoshop Elements, version 9 can be downloaded by going to the Adobe website: <http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/>.

# Miami teachers get Race to Top merit pay

MIAMI BEACH — Miami-Dade Public Schools, the nation's fourth largest school district, has handed out Florida's first Race to the Top merit pay checks for teachers.

Money for the district's merit pay plan is being funded by Race to the Top, the federal grant competition that awarded Florida \$700 million last year.

Districts in winning states around the country are implementing new teacher evaluations, but Miami-Dade is one of the first to hand out merit pay checks.

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**HONORS**

Crystal River High School and the West Citrus Elks Lodge recently announced Donald Dewees, Jr. and Kristen Wilson as the **Students of the Month** for September and John Moser and Meagan Rose Michael as the Students of the Month for October.

Donald Dewees Jr. is a senior National Honor Society member and four-year letterman, with a 4.25 weighted GPA. He plans to attend Georgia Southern University or Florida State University and to pursue a degree in the medical field. He is the son of Deborah Dewees.



**Donald Dewees Jr.**

Kristen Wilson is a senior and maintains an accumulated GPA of 4.52. She participates in numerous extracurricular activities, including Link Crew, soccer team, Drama Club and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend a Florida university to study science. She is the daughter of



**Kristen Wilson**

Constance and Stephen Wilson.

John Moser, known as Buck to his friends, has 4.3 GPA. He is an Eagle Scout, and involved in sports and volunteering for both the community and his church. Moser is a letterman in football and was a member of the weightlifting team. He plans on attending the University of Florida's veterinarian program. He is the son of Steve and Dorothy Moser.



**John Moser**

Meagan Michael, a senior, is a four-year member of the Golden Pirate Marching Band's drum line. She has also been a member of the Gasparilla show choir singers. She maintains a 3.8 GPA and plans to attend the University of Central Florida and major in hospitality and marketing, hoping to one day owning her own wedding planning business.



**Meagan Michael**

**FUNDRAISERS**

Lecanto Primary School's **Fall Festival and Silent Auc-**

# Chalk Talk

tion will begin at noon Saturday, Oct. 29, at the school: 3650 W. Educational Path, Lecanto.

The event is open to the public. There will be games, food, bounce houses, professional face painters, a professional photographer on hand to take pictures, and a silent auction with more than 40 baskets and individual donations such as sporting event tickets and more.

All proceeds go to Lecanto Primary Parent-Teacher Organization. For information, email Jenn Woods at Lecanto PrimaryPTO@hotmail.com or call (352) 746-2220.

The Lecanto High School Marching Band is having a yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park.

They are also having a car wash at the Advance Auto Parts store in Homosassa across U.S. 19 at the same time.

Suncoast Business Masters will present **An Evening of Dinner and Auctions**, eighth annual silent auction, live auction and dinner, on Friday, Dec.

2, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club in the Hampton Room. Cash bar opens at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m. Auctions, wine tasting and live music will be offered throughout the evening. Attire is business casual and tickets are \$30. Proceeds benefit the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast. In addition to every 6 cents raised at the auction, the state of Florida will match with 94 cents.

For tickets or more information, call Tricia Durham at (352) 613-0990 or Carol Ann Wilson at (352) 563-2828. To donate to the silent auction, call Theresa Foster at (352) 621-8017.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS**

The Citrus Community Concert Choir, Inc. is now accepting applications for its 2012 scholarship award of \$1,500. Application is open to graduating high school seniors or enrolled college students and residents of Citrus County, or children of Citrus County residents. Past and present choir members and relatives of choir members are also eligible. Applicants may obtain scholarship

qualifications and application forms from their school guidance counselors or online at www.citruschoir. Completed applications must be received no later than April 30, 2012.

The Fleet Reserve Association National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism is sponsoring an annual **Americanism Essay Contest**, based on this year's theme, "What Memorial Day Means To Me."

The contest includes a Grand National Prize of a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond, with \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 Savings Bonds awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade category. All regional winners are judged at the national level and receive a certificate of recognition. Other prizes are awarded at the branch and regional levels.

FRA's essay contest is open to all students grades seven through 12 (including those who are home-schooled). Students attending grades seven through 12 can contact their guidance counselor. Each entrant must be sponsored by an FRA member in good standing or by a currently chartered branch or unit. The local contact is Bob

Huscher, chairman, FRA Br. 186. Call (352) 344-0727.

All entries must be submitted by Dec. 1 or sooner to Huscher or to the local school.

Citrus County YMCA offers several scholarships for **after-school programs** during the 2011-12 academic school year.

The next session begins Oct. 31 and runs through Dec. 16. All programs are one day a week onsite at the school following dismissal from 3:40 to 4:40 p.m. Register by Oct. 26. Financial assistance forms and registration forms are available at the school office of participating schools, the YMCA office in Beverly Hills and online at www.ymcasuncoast.org.

To apply for financial assistance through the YMCA to receive a scholarship, call the administration office at (352) 637-0132.

The following schools will host the next session:

- Central Ridge Elementary — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Tuesdays).
- Citrus Springs Elementary — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Mondays).

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**Planning Commission.** These terms are for 3 years. The person that is appointed to this seat will complete the current term and then be eligible for one additional full term. The Planning Commission serves as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) pursuant to Florida Statutes and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding various issues and applications that come before this Commission relative to zoning, subdivisions, planned unit developments, variances and other types of land use scenarios.

**Waterfronts Florida Advisory Board.** This Board does allow for two seats to be filled by County residents; however, currently we need City residents to fill the open seats. The terms for these positions are 4 years. This Board is charged with studying and monitoring water quality of Kings Bay, the Floridan aquifer, flora and fauna, the care and protection of the Florida Manatee and the impact of storm water and septic tanks.

**Tree City USA Board.** The term for this Boardmember will be the remainder of a 3-year term which began in March, 2011. This Board is charged to study, investigate, council and develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas.

For further information on these Boards, please contact Laura Black at 795-4216 ext. 306. Applications are available on our website at crystalriverfl.org or you can pick one up at City Hall, 123 NW Hwy 19, Crystal River.

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● **Floral City Elementary** — Art (Mondays); Flag Football and Cheerleading (Wednesdays).

● **Forest Ridge Elementary** — Art, Flag Football and Cheerleading (Wednesdays).

● **Inverness Primary** — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Mondays); Art (Thursdays).

● **Lecanto Primary** — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Thursdays).

● **Pleasant Grove Elementary** — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Tuesdays).

● **Homosassa Elementary** — Flag Football and Cheerleading (Thursdays).

■ **U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to participate in the Bill of Rights Institute's sixth annual Being an American Essay Contest.**

The Being an American Essay Contest explores the Founding principles outlined in the Constitution. The contest is administered by the Bill of Rights Institute, a non-profit educational organization in the Washington, D.C. area, devoted to educating young people about the Constitution and Founding principles. The 2011-12 contest is sponsored by the History Channel.

Students are asked to share their thoughts on the Constitution by answering the following question: "How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?"

The top three student winners from each of the five geographical regions will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000 (First Place), \$500 (Second Place), and \$250 (Third Place). Teacher sponsors for each student winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100.

Further information, including submission criteria, lesson plans and background information on the Constitution, Bill of Rights, founders and the founding principles are available at [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest).

■ **Citrus Macintosh Users Group** announces the deadline for the club's 2011-12 scholarship application is Monday, Jan. 16, 2012.

This year, CMUG is prepared to award scholarships, minimum of \$500 each, to graduating seniors — one per school

— at Citrus, Lecanto and Crystal River high schools. Academy of Environmental Science seniors, including home-schooled students attending the academy, will compete with applicants from their home district.

Students interested in applying should get applications from their school guidance department.

For more information, call Buzz Fredrickson at (352) 341-4392.

■ **Your child may be eligible for a wonderful opportunity — a Take Stock in Children college scholarship.** Take Stock in Children is a program that helps economically disadvantaged students and their families realize their dream of sending their child to college. To be considered for a scholarship, your child must be in public school in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade, meet the financial eligibility requirements, agree to remain drug- and alcohol-free and get good grades.

Take Stock in Children scholarships are provided through the Florida Prepaid Foundation. Applications are now available. To obtain more information about the program, call (352) 344-0855.

■ **The College of Central Florida is now awarding dozens of scholarships** to qualifying students interested in taking honors classes at the Citrus campus this fall semester. A major component of CF's Honors Institute, the Community of Scholars Honors Program offers incoming high school graduates two-year tuition scholarships, currently valued at \$3,000 per academic year, while offering partial scholarships to those who are currently attending CF.

Students in the honors program are free to pursue the degree option of their choosing at CF, with the scholarship requirement being successful participation in a limited number of honors level classes that also serve to fulfill degree requirements. Students may also take classes at any of the CF locations each term, and are not bound to enrolling only in classes offered at the Citrus Campus. Besides financial benefits, the Community of Scholars offers members priority registration each term.

Typically, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 is needed to qualify for the Community of Scholars, although applications

for those with a slightly lower GPA may be considered in some cases. Students wishing to be considered for scholarships should call Dr. June Hall at (352) 746-6721.

■ **Oratorical scholarship contest.** All high school students are eligible to enter. Scholarships awarded to winning contestants range from \$100 to \$18,000. The contest consists of an eight- to 10-minute prepared oration on some phase of the Constitution of The United States and a three- to five-minute assigned topic discourse on a particular article or amendment.

Most all American Legion Posts participate in this program, and additional information and entry forms are available through American Legion Post No. 155 Oratorical Contest coordinator Jack Marchitto, who can be reached at (352) 628-9843, or American Legion Post No. 155 Commander Jay Conti Sr., who can be reached at (352) 795-6526. You can also see your guidance counselor for more details.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary 4337** is promoting contests for students to instill patriotism and respect for the American flag and pride in our country. These contests are open to all students, including home-schooled and those attending parochial or other private schools in our area. Deadline for all contests is Nov. 1.

The **Voice of Democracy audio and essay contest** is open to grades nine through 12. The theme is "Is There Pride in Serving in our Military?" The first-place prize on the national level is a \$30,000 scholarship.

**Patriot's Pen** is open to grades six through eight. The essay theme is "Are You Proud of Your Country?" The first place prize on the national level is a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

Our Young Patriotic Art contest is offered to grades 9 through 12, encouraging students to use their talents to express their patriotic pride. The first-place prize on the national level is a \$10,000 scholarship.

All first-place prize winners from the local post will advance to district for judging. Winners from district will advance to department (state), then on to national competition.

For elementary school

grades one through four, there is a **coloring contest** spotlighting the Statue of Liberty's 125th birthday. The fifth-grade students are asked to write an essay with the theme of "What Does the Statue of Liberty Stand For?"

There will be an awards banquet in April 2012 to honor all first-, second- and third-place winners. For more information, call Jean Hays at (352) 637-2124.

## CLASSES AND COURSES

For information about outdoors and recreational classes in Citrus County, see the Sunday sports section of the Chronicle.

■ **The Art of Calligraphy** art class is offered every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

at The Garden Shed, 2423 S. Rockcrusher Road, Homosassa.

Call Louise at (352) 503-7063 for more information.

■ **Basic X-ray Prep classes** in Lecanto, offered by BXMO National Inc., will start Nov. 7. Deadline is Nov. 21. This is a 16-week course that preps participants for the BXMO exam that the state of Florida offers. Night classes are from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This is a course for medical assistants, a prep course for the Radiology Technology program and anyone looking to get into the medical field. Call (352) 235-9222.

■ **An herb class, "Let's Get to Know Herbs II,"** is being offered at College of Central Florida Citrus Campus.

Learn about a wide variety of herbs from around the world and their ancient uses as health and beauty essentials. Get surprising ideas for adding herbs to your lawn and landscape. Introduce organic pest control to your herb, vegetable and ornamental garden. Do any herbs support wildlife? Will some herbs add beauty to your flower garden? Explore lazy ways to propagate most plants. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Zimmer will address the medicinal value of herbs from her experiences in China and in professional practice.

Class sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5, in classroom 202 at the Citrus Learning & Conference Center's Citrus Campus. Enrollment fee is \$39. Register at

(352) 746-6721 or on the first day of class.

■ **The College of Central Florida Citrus Campus** will host a Careers & Colleges Expo on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Citrus Learning and Conference Center, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto. Admission is free.

Representatives from more than 30 educational institutions will share information and answer questions. Presenters are from colleges, universities and vocational schools in Florida and out of state. CF will have representatives available to answer questions about its academic programs, including recently added bachelor's degree programs. The military academies will also be represented.

"Students have numerous education and career opportunities available, and the college is excited to host this event," said Dr. June Hall, campus director of Student Affairs.

For more information, call Hall at (352) 746-6721, ext. 6104, or email [hallj@cf.edu](mailto:hallj@cf.edu). For information about CF, visit [www.CF.edu](http://www.CF.edu).

■ **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** would like input from community members regarding what classes they would like to see offered at the school. To offer suggestions, log on to [wtonline.cc](http://wtonline.cc), then click on "Community Education" and fill out a suggestion form.

● **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** is now registering for **ESOL classes**. Open enrollment for the first session ends Dec. 16. Second session classes start Jan. 4. There is a \$30 session fee required for enrollment; financial assistance is available for qualifying students.

ESOL classes provide students with instruction in speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. Students will have opportunities to work on developing their English and job skills through the use of computers, texts, project-based learning and discussion.

Daytime and evening ESOL classes are offered in Inverness. Evening classes are offered at Forest Ridge Elementary. Classes are for beginning to intermediate to advanced students. There is free child care available for qualifying students at the Inverness location during specified hours.

Call Student Services for more information at (352) 726-2430, ext. 4326 or visit [www.wtonline.cc](http://www.wtonline.cc).

● **Withlacoochee Technical Institute** is registering for **GED Prep** classes. Open enrollment for the first session ends Dec. 16. Second session classes start Jan. 4. There is a \$30 tuition fee required for enrollment; financial assistance is available for qualifying students.

GED Prep classes provide students with the opportunity to take the GED Practice test using the approved calculator, class work on the computer, and individual instruction to help students successfully pass the exam.

Daytime and evening classes are offered at sites throughout Citrus County including Inverness, Crystal River and Homosassa. Online classes are also available for qualifying students. There is free child care available for qualifying students at our Inverness and Promise Village locations during specified hours.

Also available are College Placement Test prep, study skills and test-taking strategies and academic skill building and tutoring if needed.

Call Student Services for more information at (352) 726-2430 or visit [www.wtonline.cc](http://www.wtonline.cc).

■ **Join the excitement as the Homosassa Public Library** begins a new **Celebrate Reading** program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Celebrate Reading is a session consisting of two programs geared toward helping pre-school and elementary school-age children develop literacy skills, improve their reading and gain a love of books.

The first program, PAWS to Read, gives children the opportunity to build confidence in their reading ability by reading aloud to a certified therapist.

The second program, Reading Pals, pairs teens and younger children together. Teens read storybooks aloud to one or two younger children at a time. Children may wish to draw or write about a story they like.

Listening to stories, talking about stories and reading aloud are great ways to improve literacy skills while having a good time. For information, call the youth librarian at (352) 628-5626.

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Black tie optional, tickets are \$100.

To register for Taste of CF, visit [www.cf.edu/foundation/events](http://www.cf.edu/foundation/events) or contact 352-746-6721, ext. 6108 or [aiutom@cf.edu](mailto:aiutom@cf.edu)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

The Florida Prepaid College Board began its 2011-2012 annual enrollment period on October 17, which means parents can purchase a Prepaid College Plan to prepay higher education costs at this year's plan prices until January 31, 2012. This open enrollment season, plans will include tuition and most mandatory fees, as well as Florida Prepaid's newest plan, the 4-Year Florida College Plan, which was launched in 2010 in response to the evolving Florida College landscape. Florida Prepaid College Plans continue to help families save smartly for future college expenses. For more information on plan options or to sign up online for the Florida Prepaid College Plan, families can visit [www.myfloridaprepaid.com](http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com) or call 1-800-552-GRAD (4723).

Inverness Primary School's School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in the school's Media Center. On the agenda for discussion are the IPS Writers Club, Write Score Assessment, Writing Cadre and the SAEC budget. Input is invited from parents, community members and businesses for this process. For more information, call (352) 726-2632.

Citrus County International Baccalaureate Parent Organization, CCIBPO, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Lecanto High School cafeteria, 3810 W. Educational Path, Lecanto.

Parents of PIBS and IB students are encouraged to attend. We also would like to invite Citrus County professional business leaders to meet the CCIBPO board members and parents.

For more information, email David Strickland, CCIBPO president, at [DSTRICKLAND18@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:DSTRICKLAND18@tampabay.rr.com) or call (352) 302-4272.

Take Stock in Children is seeking mentors. Take Stock is a mentoring program that offers a college scholarship and the promise of hope to deserving youths in Citrus County.

Take Stock scholars join the program in the seventh or eighth grades. One of the benefits of being a scholar is having the opportunity to work with a mentor. The mentor commitment involves working with scholars each week during regular school hours, believing in the student, and helping the student believe in themselves.

The program is actively seeking male and female role models to help support active student scholars, as well as new students who will soon be entering the program. Call Pat Lancaster, program coordinator, at (352) 422-2348 or (352) 344-0855 for more information or to sign up for training.

# 'Real Steel' delivers the action



Liam Cash  
CASHMONEY MOVIES

It seems like all films that have anything to do with boxing are entertaining. The "Rocky" series, "Cinderella Man," and "Million Dollar Baby" are just a few examples of boxing films that have hit the screen and been widely received as great movies. Why do people love the boxing genre? Because they have heart, they are about the underdog rising to the top, and when the time comes for the main character to go into the ring ... it's very suspenseful. This year, a new twist is being brought to the boxing genre. Now robots are in the ring and it's more violent than ever. Is it possible to have the same emotion that we have for human characters for machines? Maybe ...

Charlie Kenton (Hugh Jackman) is running out of time. Running out of time to pay his debts to several "dangerous" people, running out of time to keep up with his rent, and running out of time until he becomes a washed up has-been. To solve his problems, Charlie invests all the money he has into his box-

ing robot, Ambush. Charlie drives around with his robot looking for fights for the extra cash. The bad thing is, Charlie is a little stubborn and soon his cocky attitude results in the destruction of Ambush, his last way to make money.

When Charlie doesn't believe things can get any worse, he finds out that his ex-wife has died and that his son Max (Dakota Goyo), whom he has never met, is now his to raise. Even though both want nothing to do with each other, they have a common love for robot boxing and this love begins to shape their growing relationship. One night, Max comes across an old abandoned robot in a junkyard. Charlie tells Max that the robot, named Atom, would never have a chance in a fight but Max is determined. To Charlie's surprise, Atom not only wins his fight but is offered more fights by more and more people until he makes it into the big leagues. Now against all odds, Charlie and his son must fight their way to the top in a struggle that won't only build their fame, but

If you want to see an inspirational film ... watch 'Rocky.'

build their relationship. So does "Real Steel" feature the same emotion felt in other films of its kind? Yes and no. This time around, the heart and soul of the film don't take place inside the ring, it takes place outside the ring. The real story is about a father trying to make up for the years that he abandoned his son. Sadly, the movie could have done a better job in its character development. Things just happen too quickly and without explanation. At the start of the film, Charlie doesn't even act like Max is there and tries to ignore him as often as possible. Then 10 minutes later, Max is hugging his father and joking around with him. Where did that come from? Make no mistake there are a few well done scenes that illustrate their growing relationship, but there aren't enough of them to make it seem believable.

As for the plot, "Real Steel" doesn't exactly bring anything new to the table

(except for robots) since the story is an exact copy of most other boxing films, most of all "Rocky." This being the case, the movie itself was very predictable, but when it's over, the predictability does not ruin the movie. And "Real Steel" is very fun. It was already entertaining to watch men beat their opponents up, but when robots do it, the entertainment reaches a whole new level. Not much can beat the sight of a giant robot sending another's head into the junk pile with a major punch.

"Real Steel" is big on the action, but not big enough on the emotion. For some, the sight of robots going at it might be enough to satisfy one's action craze, but if you want to see an inspirational film where you can connect with the characters, go watch "Rocky" again. I give it two stars out of four.

"Real Steel" has a running time of two hours and six minutes and is rated PG-13 for some violence, intense action and brief language.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 19, 2011. Table with columns for channel, time, and program details. Includes programs like 'Nightly News', 'The Middle', 'Jeopardy!', 'The Bachelor', etc.

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

So far this week we have had two deals in which the play of a king was key to the outcome. Here is an antithesis of those. South barrels into four hearts. West leads the club jack. What should happen? After North made a game-invitational limit raise, South momentarily thought about a slam. North might have nothing wasted in clubs, ace-doubleton of spades and the diamond ace. But if you wait for partner to have the ideal hand, you might still be looking at your watch in the next decade! South, counting losers, sees one in spades (he can ruff his fourth spade in the dummy), none in hearts, one or two in diamonds and one in clubs (because West would not lead away from the club ace). The risk, clearly, is two diamond

Bridge puzzle. Includes a hand diagram with cards for North, South, East, and West. Dealer: South. Vulnerable: Both. Opening lead: ♣ J.

must have the diamond ace, and East must gain the lead to shift to that suit while South still has two diamonds in his hand. And if declarer makes the natural-looking play, covering West's club jack with dummy's king, East will kill that king with his ace and switch to the diamond jack, killing a second king and the contract. Instead, suppose South plays dummy's low club at trick one. If East overtakes with his ace and shifts to diamonds, yes, declarer loses three minor-suit tricks, but he no longer concedes a spade, because dummy's two high clubs provide discards. Now have East play low at trick one. West leads another club, say. South ruffs away East's ace, draws trumps ending in the dummy, and discards a diamond on the club king to lose only one trick in each side suit.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek. Includes a grid of letters and a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman at a table.

- ACROSS 1 Shut out 6 Assumed as fact 11 XX, chromosomally 12 Exceedingly elaborate 13 Come down in buckets 14 Classified (2 wds.) 15 Kate's sitcom friend 16 Butte kin 17 All-purpose trucks 18 Boat implement 19 Diplomat's asset 23 Sledding spot 25 Tired 26 Jogged 29 Knack 31 Like cool cats 32 Khan of note 33 Silly comedy 34 Bishop's domain 35 Disgusting 37 Hong — 39 Put on the block 40 Sword vanquisher 41 Every 45 Deuterium discoverer 47 Chocolate bean 48 Bamboo eaters 51 Action star friend 52 Chuck — Orchard problem 53 Well-versed 54 Jazz instruments 55 Grove

Answer to Previous Puzzle. A crossword grid with the following words filled in: GAG, TEA, OVER, ENA, ELMO, LEIA, MOUNTAIN, DERN, SALOON, LAPPED, DOORS, TACOMA, ERLE, TAVS, OPT, WEE, WADE, ROBE, OSCARS, SENSE, ERG, NTH, AERATE, URANUS, BLAS, TAKEBACK, LIFE, SPEW, ILE, EATS, RDS, LAW.

Dear Annie: My husband and I have an old friend whom we've known more than 40 years. For the past 20, we have alternated spending Christmas Eve together. "Betsy" has one unmarried adult son who has not attended our Christmas events in many years. Our daughter now spends Christmas Eve with her husband's family. My son and his wife, along with one aunt and uncle, have always come to us for the holidays, so the events at our home and Betsy's have been lovely adult affairs. However, this year, our son has a new baby, and they are flying in to celebrate. Yesterday, I had coffee with Betsy and asked whether she'd mind if we host again this year since it would be so much simpler with the baby. Our house is already equipped with a high-chair, portable crib, toys, etc. And it would be much easier for our son and daughter-in-law since Betsy's house is not baby-proofed and our grandson will be 11 months old and getting into things. Betsy's response was quite hurtful. She said my husband and I are too structured and kids should just go with the flow. I didn't back down, and she finally relented, but in an unfriendly way, saying she didn't want to "create a crisis." She totally does not understand how much things will change with the addition of a toddler at a dinner party. I tried to

get her to see our side, but she couldn't. Next year, we will probably go to Betsy's, since our son will likely start coming home every other Christmas. But what do you think of her response? — A Devoted Grandmother Dear Grandmother: Actually, we can see both sides. Obviously, it is easier if the baby is at your house. However, children are quite adaptable and can manage at other places, too, if the parents keep a sharp eye, bring along toys and have a place for the child to lie down. Parents do it every day. Still, we wish Betsy had been more gracious in responding to your request. It has obviously created some ill-will. Dear Annie: You answered a question about how much to tip for carryout restaurant service. I have the same question about a buffet. If the employee simply fills your drink order and takes away your dirty plates, do we need to leave the same 15 percent to 20 percent tip that is suggested for a regular meal? My wife thinks a dollar tip is good enough. I think it should be at least 10 percent of the buffet cost. What do you say, Annie? — Wondering in El Paso Dear El Paso: You win this one. The server at a buffet who fills your drink order and clears your plates should be tipped 10 percent of the tab (before taxes). Thanks for asking. Dear Annie: Thanks for print-

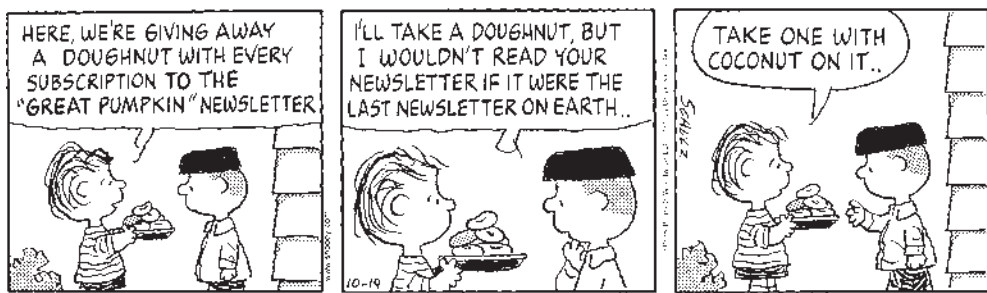
ing the letter from "Glendora, Calif.," the 87-year-old who misses his kids but understands that they are living their own lives. I needed that, as I am currently packing up after being in the Pasadena area for 78 years. I am moving into an independent living facility. I was given a trial run at the facility and loved it. There were games to play, activities for the mind as well as the body, parties on the patio and myriad other activities that will keep me plenty busy. I will also be relatively close to my grandchildren, if 400 miles is close. I have no intention of sitting on my kids' doorstep, but do relish being able to spend holidays with them. The rest of the time will be theirs when they want me, and to fill the void, I will walk my two small dogs, play bridge, join discussion groups and enjoy participating with others in day-to-day living. Life is truly a gift to use and enjoy. — Pasadena Nana Dear Nana: We love your attitude.

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com. Includes a crossword grid with numbers 1-55.

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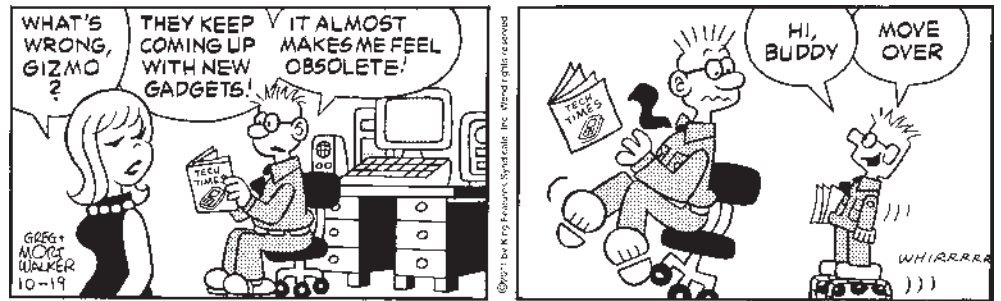
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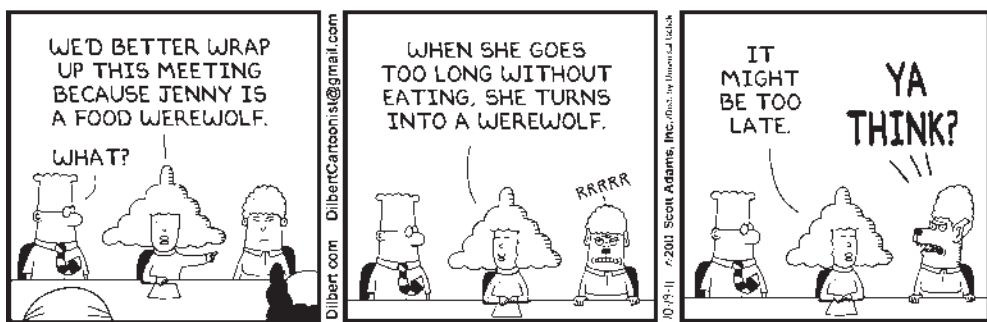
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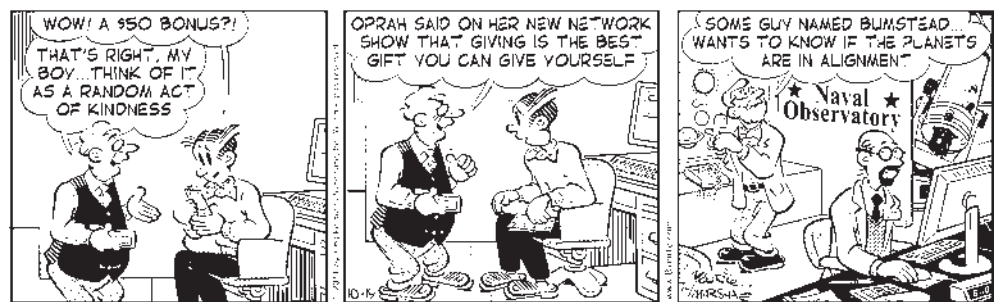
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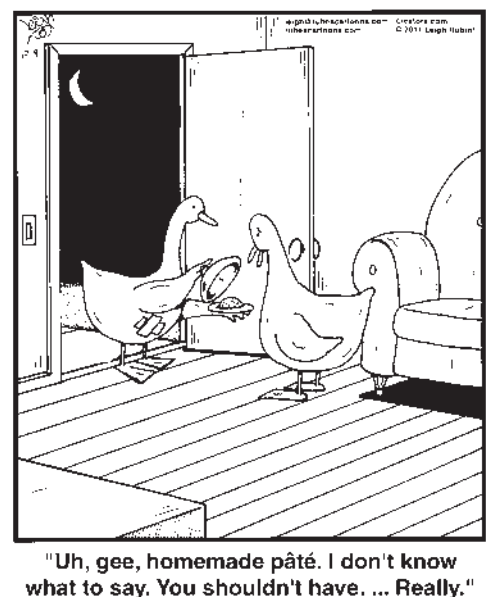
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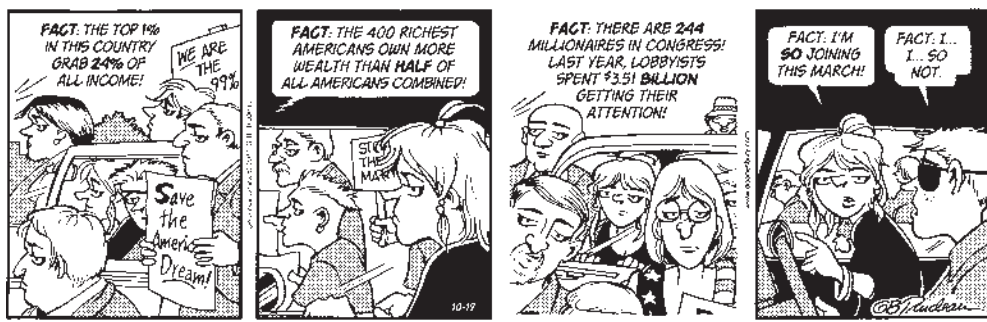
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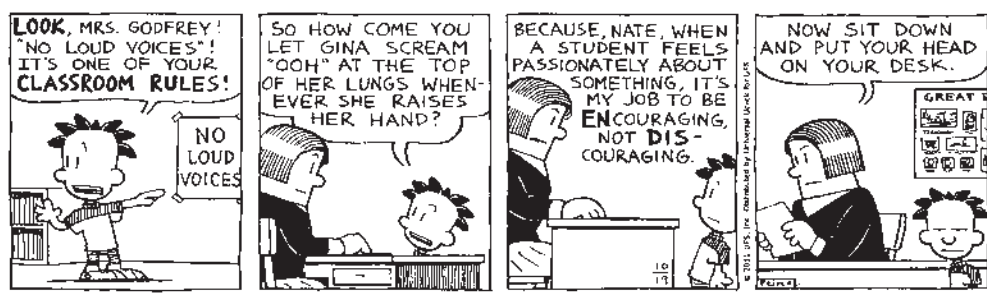
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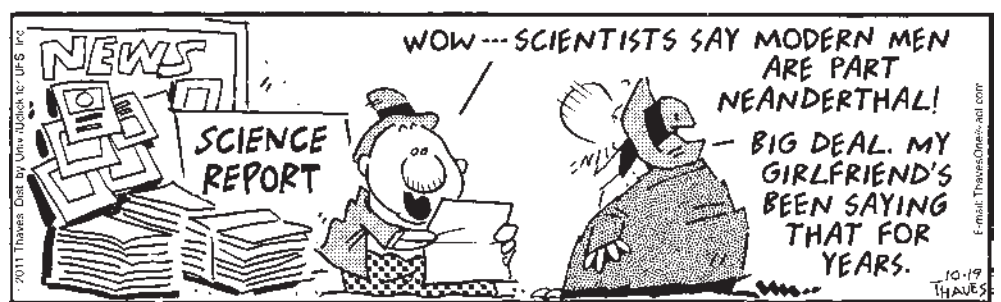
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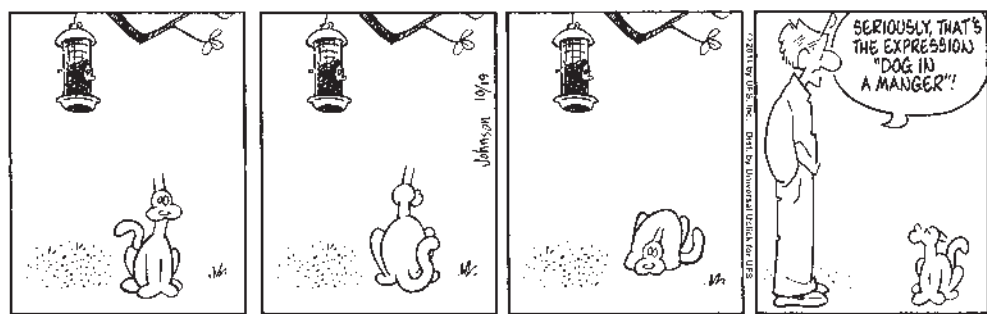
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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

TODAY'S CLUE: Y equals M

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EWO'X LOWU UMVX XMPA UVOX VOE VZP
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'Moneyball' (PG-13) 12:45 p.m., 3:50 p.m.
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) 4:20 p.m.
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'The Thing' (R) 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
'Footloose' (PG-13) 1:35 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
'Real Steel' (PG-13) 1:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 7:20 p.m.
'50/50' (R) ID required. 1:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
'Dream House' (PG-13) 1:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) 4:15 p.m.
'Dolphin Tale' (PG) In Real 3D. 1:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. No passes.
'Abduction' (PG-13) 1:50 p.m., 4:50 p.m.
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